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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, 1757

(VOLUME 32)

No. 1.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief of DeveCotah.

Sir

In our Letter of the 15th. Oct^{r}. last we directed you to give Mr. Hopkins such Assistance as you found reasonable in Collecting what Debts he had outstanding in the Country about DeveCotah. We now transmitt you the Particulars of his demands as they have been laid before Us amounting to Pags. 5500, and You have enlcosed also, a Letter from the President to Goderow & the Renter of the Sheally Country. When this Money is collected, the sum of Two thousand Five hundred & Eleven Pagodas, Nine Fanams & Sixteen Cash is to be paid into the Company's Cash on Account Mr. Hopkin's Debt to them. You will therefore use your Endeavours that this Money be receiv'd as soon as possible.

We are
Sir
Your Affect^{t}. Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Percival.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
8th. Janry. 1757.

No. 2.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &c^{a}. Council of
Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your several Letters of the 15th. October, 3d. & 25th. of November and 18th. of December.

As soon as the Repairs on the Cuddalore Sloop are compleated she must be dispatch'd hither, with as many Bales as she can take in. The Account of disbursements delivered you by the Captain of that Vessell appears to Us reasonable and you have our Permission to discharge it, as well as to comply with his Request for an Advance for four Months Impress to his People.

We approve of Your advancing a Month's Pay to the Military on board the Cumberland, and as this & the other unexpected Charges which you mention, must have reduced your Cash, we consent to your drawing Bills on Us for such a sum as you shall think absolutely necessary to answer your present Occasions.

We are,
GENTLEMEN
Your Affect^{t}. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
12TH. JANRY. 1757.

No. 3.

TO FOSS WESTCOTT ESQ^{R}.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letters of the 4th. & 8th. of Nov^{r}. and 3^{d}. & 24th. Ultimo, the last of which accompanying Duplicate Copy of your Books was forwarded to Us from DeveCotah, where the Sloop you consign'd to Us, has put in, having pass'd this Port.

We observe what you say in regard to the ruinous Condition of the Buildings and the Walls round Suncrapollam Factory, as well as of the Company's Godown at Nellepellee, but can by no means think this a proper Time for making the Repairs you propose. We have no objection however to your pulling down & Rebuilding the Walls of the Company's Godown at Nellipelle unless You should find it practicable to support it by Buttresses.

Agreable to your Request you may take the first Opportunity of returning to the Presidency after delivering over the Charge of the Settlement to M^{r}. John Calland & interchangeably with him signing an exact Acc^{t}. Remains

We are
SIR
Your affect^{t}. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
12TH. JANUARY 1757.

No. 4.

TO ALEX^{R}. WYNCH ESQ^{R}. AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN
OF COUNCIL AT
FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

Having considered the Clause in the Cowle for the Arrack Farm at your Settlement prohibiting Toddy being sold any where but at the Toddy Gardens which You mention to be thought a Grievance by the Inhabitants, we have come

to a Resolution not to insert it in the new Cowle, you will therefore give Publick Notice of this, when You advertize the sale of the Farm which is to be on the 11th. of next Month at the Sea Gate at this Settlement when it will be cryed down to the best Bidder for five years.

You may continue to send us your Consultations & Monthly Papers overland as usual.

Your Bill dated 21st. Ulto. in favour of Mr. Henry Powney for Pags. 1300 was paid the 28th. of the same Month.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectt. Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBT. ORME.
WILLM. PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER

FORT ST. GEORGE
21ST. JANRY. 1757.

No. 5.

TO ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR. &
THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

This serves to inclose Invoice & Bills of Lading for sundry Military Stores laden on the Neptune Sloop for your Settlement. As she has also several Consignments for DeveCotah, You must dispatch Her thither with all Expedition.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectt. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBT. ORME.
WILLM. PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
26TH. JANRY 1757.

No. 6.

TO MR. JAS. BOURCHIER
CHIEF AT DEVECOTAH.

SIR

Enclosed We send you Invoice & Bills of Lading of sundries consign'd to you by the Neptune Sloop. Such Part as is designed for Tritchinopoly is specified in a separate Invoice also enclos'd concerning which you'l receive the necessary Directions from the Secret Committee.

We are
SIR
Your Affectt. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBT. ORME.
WILLM. PERCIVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
26TH. JANRY. 1757.

No. 7.

To Alex^{R}. Wynch Esq^{R}. and the other Gentlemen of
Council at Fort S^{T}. David

Gentlemen

We have had under Consideration the several Charges Captain D' Illens lodged with you, which have been transmitted to Us. That against M^{r}. Richard Fairfield your Military Store-Keeper consists of many heavy Articles and requires our Chief Attention, You will therefore make the strictest Enquiry into that Gentleman's Conduct, & how far Capt^{n}. D Illen's Charges against him are well grounded and transmit Us the Result. The Alligations [*sic*] against Istrislopudy, Conicoply to the Civil & Military Paymaster & against Trevengaddom Conicoply of the Artificers, and Cooleys must likewise be enquired into.

We think it unnecessary to take any Notice of the Charges against Capt^{n}. George Gardner and M^{r}. Call the Engineer, further than that We think them ill Grounded & improper, & that Capt^{n}. D'Illens justly merits the severest Censure for presuming to call in Question the Capacity and Abilities of two Officers whom We have thought proper to entrust in their several Employs. You will acquaint that Gentleman that such are our sentiments, and at the same time that notwithstanding We think Ourselves obliged to him for the other Information he has lodged, he has gone too far in offering to determine who shall be the Judges of the Misdemeanours.

An Officer has a Right to demand a Court Martial on himself but it is sufficient when he thinks that the service is hurt by the bad Conduct of others to lodge Information with his superiors. You will acquaint Capt^{n}. D'Illens with this also, & let him know if he pays a proper Attention to the Business of his own Employ it is as much as is required of him. It will be time enough when he comes to the Command of the whole to offer to direct: Capt^{n}. Gardner is at present his Commanding Officer and as such We expect he will obey him.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Will^{M}. Percival.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.

Fort S^{T}. George
31st. Janry 1757.

No. 8.

To the Honourable Richard Bourchier Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to enclose Duplicate of our Letter of the 4th. November which acknowledges the Receipt of the last We have received from Your Presidency.

We have not yet had any accounts from the Bay, but are in hourly Expectation of hearing that the Expedition has met with the desired success.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 9.

To THOMAS HODGES ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT
TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN,

We take this opportunity of forwarding a Duplicate of our last of the 9th. November, and acquainting you that we have received your Letter of the 17th. & 28th. of October last, enclosing his Majesty's Declaration of War.

The Chesterfield was dispatched from hence for England the 21st. November with a full Loading of Bales.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D. FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 10.

To GEORGE SCOTT ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT
ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

At present we have only to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 27th. September & 28th. December, & the Packet for the President enclosed in the Latter.

The Unhappy situation of affairs in Bengal having frustrated our Intentions of sending home the Delawar in July, as We advised you in our last, We were under the Necessity of fixing on one of the latter ships the Chesterfield which made the Dispatch so late as the 21st. of November.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
3D FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 11.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief at DeveCotah.

Sir

As the season is now somewhat favourable, You will dispatch hither as soon as possible, the Nancy Sloop which you advise to have put in at Deve Cotah with Bales from Ingeram on the Honourable Company's account, but lest it may happen that it shall be hazardous for her to pass Pondicherry, We would have you give the Syrang Orders to call in her way at Fort St. David as should that be the case, the Gentlemen there have our Orders to detain her.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Percival.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
4th. February 1757.

No. 12.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
& the other Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In answer to your Letter of the 30th. Ultimo We leave it to you to take the first opportunity wch. you shall think the most proper for sending up your Bales when you think they can pass Pondicherry wth. safety.

The Nancy Sloop from Ingeram which is loaded with Bales on the Honourable Company's Account, having passed this Port & put in at Deve Cotah We have directed Mr. James Bourchier the Chief there to send her up as soon as her Passage is practicable but to Order the Syrang to touch in his Way at your Settlement in order that you may detain her in case you find that her proceeding hither shall be attended with any Risk.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Percival.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
4th. February 1757.

No. 13.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief at DeveCotah.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 24th. Ultimo. Enclosed We send you another Letter for Goderow from the President relating to the Debts due to Mr. Hopkins in the Chially Country, which you will forward to him acquainting him at the same time that as you have our Orders to recover them You shall

expect from him all the Assistance in his Power the President's former Letter to him as well as this, meant nothing more than that he should assist you, & It is therefore on you chiefly We depend for the Recovery of the Money the amount of which as We have already told you is five thousand five hundred Pagodas and a thousand Rupees you will receive the Bonds from Mr. Hopkins Executors who have our Directions to send them to you. The Prices of the several Articles in the Account of the DeveCotah stock which you lately transmitted to us being ascertained by our Accomptant conformable to the Books of the Presidency, We now return it you, and you will enter it in the Books of your Settlement accordingly. As the time draws near when the DeveCotah Renter by his Cowle is obliged to deliver fifty Garce of Paddy in lieu of part of his Rent, you will call upon him for that Quantity & receive none but what is of the best sort.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
14TH. FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 14.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 3d. Instant We addressed you by way of Tellicherry and have since received your Letter of the 31st. December.

We take this opportunity of forwarding a Packet for your Honour &ca. which We received a few days ago from the Gentlemen in Bengal, from whom We have had the satisfaction to learn that on the 2d. of January Fort William with the Town of Calcutta was retaken & put in Possession of our Honble Masters Representatives. These advices are dated the 7th. when the Gentlemen likewise write us a Considerable Quantity of the Companys Export Goods having been found in the Godowns, they intended to load the Delawar for Europe as soon as possible but were in the mean time to dispatch home, the Syren Sloop which was to sail in three or four Days. No ship being yet returned us from the Bay We almost now despair of having one in time to dispatch home this season which We regret the more, having made so considerable an Investment as to have near sufficient Number of Bales for the Tonnage of two ships.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
19TH. FEBRUARY 1757.

No. 15.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r^.
& the other Gentlemen of Council at
Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your several Letters of the 2^d^., 3^d^., 11^th^. and 14^th^. Instant with the Papers that accompanied them. As you represent the Rice you have in store to be Considerably the worse for lying by, & We imagine You will soon have an opportunity of Procuring a fresh supply we would have you dispose of it on the best terms you are able. The Danger which you seem to think, at present threatens Vessels in Passing Pondicherry, will be greatly removed when the Southerly Winds set in strong, You therefore must then and not till then send us up the Ingeram Bales by the Nancy Sloop & Your own Investment by any other opportunity taking care that you dispatch them in such time as they may pass Pondicherry in the night. Your bill in favour of Lieutenant Colonel Forde for fifteen hundred Pagodas was paid the 16^th^. Instant. Agreable to the Notice the Cowle for the arrack Farm at your Settlement was put up to sale here the 11^th^. Instant and cryed down to Linga Chitty at Two thousand Two hundred & sixty Pagodas a Year. A Copy of the Cowle shall be sent you in a few days.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
the 19^th^. February 1757.

No. 16.

To the Honourable Roger Drake Esq^r^.

President and Governour &c^a^. Council at
Fort William.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have received your Letters of the 7^th^. January and 4^th^. Ultimo and congratulate you on your being again in Possession of Calcutta. We have paid your Honour &c^a^. Bill for five thous^d^. Arcot Rupees in favour of Captain Robert Baillie, and now take the opportunity of the Ship Sally & Betsey Schooner to consign you two Lacks with some Gun Powder and Musket ammunition Invoices & Bills of Lading for which are enclosed. By the ship Sally you will also receive a Box of Stationery as mentioned in the Enclosed Invoice; The Remainder of what was detained here shall be sent by the next Opportunity. We observe with Concern that no Salt Petre has been procurable, and that the Walpole will be as late of Coming on the Coast as our Powder Mills will shortly stand still for want of that Article, & We yet beg you will send us up what you are able by any ship that is bound hither. We dont see how we can procure Captain Mackmath any satisfaction from the Malays for their Treacherry at

Junk Ceylon, however should an opportunity offer We shall assist him as far as in our Power. Your Packet for the Gentlemen at Bombay was forwarded by Pattamar soon after it was Received.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE
5TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 17.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQR.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

Having appointed you to be Chief of Vizagapatam you will embark on the Neptune Sloop now bound thither and on your arrival take Charge of the Settlement which We now direct the provisional Chief &ca. Council to deliver over to you.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends,
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 18.

TO MR. JOHN LEWIN SMITH
PROVISIONAL CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Having appointed William Perceval Esqr. to be Chief of Vizagapatam he now proceeds thither on the Neptune Sloop and on his arrival you will deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to him as Chief and then take your former Stations.

We have paid your Bill drawn on Us for Eighteen thousand Madras Pagodas.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectiont. Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 19.

To William Perceval Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The several Letters received since our last are dated the 8th. January, 1st., 4th. and 13th. Ultimo.

We shall soon send an account Sortment of the Bales received by the Betsey Schooner and Hartop and Vizagapatam Snows; At present We can only say the Number is very satisfactory.

The Honble Court of Directors having in their Letter dated 11th. February 1756 recommended an abatement in the Northern Cloths of five Pagodas ℔ Corge on super fine Izzarees two Pagodas ℔ Corge on fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloth such abatement must be made.

We now consign to you by the Neptune Sloop Thirty Thousand Arcot Rupees which is all We can at Present spare, and We also send you by the same Vessell five Candys of Copper which must be coined into Dubbs.

Being Ignorant of the Nature of the stores M^r^. Westcott had consigned to the Gentlemen at Bengal on the Sloop that lost her Passage and put in at Vizagapatam you must send Us an account of them before We can give any direction concerning them.

Captain Beaver having been put under Arrest must be immediately released and order'd to this Presidency or to Bengal by the first Opportunity that shall offer for either.

M^r^. Pocock having left some Gun Powder at Vizagapatam We shall defer complying with the Indent for Military Stores lately receiv'd from thence till the next Opportunity.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affection^t^. Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Ch^s^. Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
24^th^. March 1757.

No. 20.

To M^R^. John Calland
Provisional Resident at Ingeram

Sir

The several Letters from your Settlement dated the 7th. and 16th. of January, 9th. and 13th. of February and the 1st. Instant have been received.

As We shall be always careful to supply you with what Money We think necessary, You must not in future draw any Bills upon Us. The Two that were already drawn We have paid.

The Bales from your Settlement are all arrived, and We shall soon send you the Account sortment.

The Company in their Letter dated the 11th. February 1756 having recommended an Abatement in the Northern Cloths of five pagodas ℔ Corge on superfine Izzarees, two Pagodas ℔ Corge on Fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloth, such Abatement must be made.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 21.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT BANDARMALANKA.

SIR

We have received Your letters of the 7th. and 23d. of January and 3d. Ultimo in the first of which You have omitted to send Us an Invoice of the 8 Coils of Cordage you herein advise to have returned to Us, for want of which We are at a Loss how to bring them to Account.

An abatement in the Northern Cloths of Five Pagodas ℔ Corge on Super fine Izzarees, Two Pagodas ℔ Corge on Fine Long Cloth and half a Pagoda on Ordinary Cloths, having been strongly recommended by the Court of Directors in their Letter dated the 11th. February 1756 such Abatement must be made.

All your Bales are safe arrived, and an Account Sortment shall shortly be sent you.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1757.

No. 22.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
RESIDENT AT BANDARMALANKA.

SIR

Since our last of the 24th. Ultimo We have received Yours of the 28th. February, 5th. and 20th. March.

As you write pressingly for a supply of money to carry on your Investment We now send you by the Sea Horse Sloop (a Country Vessell) Five thousand Madrass Pagodas. We are providing more and you shall have a further supply when a good opportunity offers, by this Vessel We also send you a Box of Stationary. The Invoice and Bill of Loading are enclosed.

Your Bales by the Ankatasium are landed but not yet sorted. We have paid your Draught on Us for Eleven hundred Pagodas.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. APRIL 1757.

No. 23.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 18th. and 22d. February and your Annual Letter of the last mention'd date, also those of the 1st., 9th., 15th., 18th. 27th. and 29th. Ulto.

Your Cloth not being yet sorted We cannot at Present give our opinion on it. With respect to your Merchants all possible encouragement should be given to those who exert themselves most, and since no proposals have been offered, notwithstanding your repeated advertisements, to Contract with you for any part of the Investment there remain no other means that We know of but to continue to employ such of your old Merchants as are in Circumstances to be trusted with the necessary Advances, We observe the rigorous measures used with Persheram Pillah have had a good Effect and induced him to reduce his Ballance considerably in the Course of the last year, We wish as much could be said of Govindah Chitty who has not brought you in a single piece of Cloth and paid but two hundred Pagodas in part of large Ballance he has long owed, you must be very pressing with him and to prevent any further delays on account of the absence of his Partner Tonneveroy Pillah, We have order'd him to proceed immediately to St. Davids. We were informed that a great part of the Debts due to Cawn Moodelair were recoverable as well as some of those due to Tonneveroy Pillah and on that ground expected they would have been able with your Assistance to have reduced their Debt to the Company very considerably but We find that little has as yet been done, we hope yr. attention and assistance will not be wanting in future.

The Measuring Farm at Fort St. David having been taken by Cootah when it was put up at Outcry here in January last order him to provide sufficient security to answer the Rent and proceed hither immediately to sign the counterpart of the Cowle & Irshippah Chitty the Renter of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm must also come up to execute his part of that Cowle.

We observe by the List of Debts outstanding in your Books ending April 1756 that Andeapah Moodalair and Irshippah Chitty the Bound Renters of Deva Cotah whose Cowle expired in May 1755 stand indebted in two thousand Five hundred (2500) Pagodas on Account of the Rent of that Farm and We do not find by your Cash Accounts since the close of those Books that any part of the above sum have been paid in. We find by your Letter of the 21st. July 1755 that their Pretence at that time for delaying the Payment was that they could

not recover a large sum of Money which they said was due to them by Sundry persons for Juncan &c^{a}. an Account whereof you transmitted Us. We have caused a particular enquiry to be made into their demands which in general appear to be ill grounded and unreasonable you must therefore insist on their immediately paying in the Rent for We do not think them entitled to any allowance.

We are glad to find by your Letter of the 29th. Ultimo that Captain D'Illens's Charge against M^{r}. Fairfield for using false Weights arose from a Mistake and that the Weights were just.

We have had under our Consideration M^{r}. Fairfields answer to Captain D'Illins's charge and these are our sentiments thereon.

We are of opinion that the Answer sufficiently invalidates the charge. **Articles of the charge 1 and 2.**

The Director of the Laboratory is the person that should be answerable for the Irregularitys represented and not the Military Storekeeper. **Charge 3.**

4. We think Captain D'Illens's culpable in taking the Keys of the Grand Magazine by Force as M^{r}. Fairfield was improvident in Trusting them to Serj^{t}. Carter. The Deputy Governour is the person with whom the Keys of the Magazine ought to be lodged, and you will therefore direct the Military Storekeeper to do so hereafter.

5. It appears to Us that M^{r}. Fairfield did make application to Captain D'Illens but never could prevail upon him to deliver in the Accounts he mentions or at least proper ones. You must call upon the Director of the Laboratory to deliver in Monthly regular Accounts of the Stores made and Worked up.

6. In regard to the Weights your Letter of the 29th. Ultimo is satisfactory.

7. We think this Article of the Charge intirely groundless, the Committee of Accounts having never taken notice of any thing of the Kind.

8. We agree, in Opinion with you that this Article of the Charge is without foundation.

9. We think M^{r}. Fairfields Answer to this Article might be admitted as sufficient, however for further satisfaction it is proper you should enquire whether all the Powder Barrills have been duly accounted for.

10. This Article of the Charge does not touch any part of the Military Storekeepers Duty.

11. M^{r}. Fairfields Account remains and the Papers annexed sufficiently evince that he has adhered to the Customery Forms in which no blame can fall on him, but as it is proper those Farms should be better regulated, We shall desire M^{r}. Milton one of the Conductors in his Majestys Detachment of Artillery who has for some time been employed in new Modelling our Storehouse after the manner of those in Europe, to regulate yours also.

12. If any Deficiencies of Stores appear on examining the Account remains M^{r}. Fairfield of Course is Accountable for them.

13. This Article of the Charge has much the Air of improbability and untill it be proved We think M^{r}. Fairfields Answer sufficient.

We have referred the Petition and Memorial of Serjeant James Galloway to the Secret Committee from whom you will receive directions thereon.

Manoel Da Silva Bragg may be continued on the Pension List.

We shall send you a supply of Pagodas by the first safe Sea Conveyance in the mean time if any Opportunity should offer you may draw on Us.

The four Barrels of Tarr you landed from the Don Carlos were Invoiced to Ingeram at twenty Pagodas We shall replace them and therefore you may Credit this Presidency for that sum.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Frds. & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10 APRIL 1757.

No. 24.

To MR. JOHN CALLAND
PROVISIONAL RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have received your Letter of the 14 March. By the Nancy Sloop We now send you sundry stores as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, and are

SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 13TH. APRIL 1757.

No. 25.

To ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

By Order of the President and Council Therewith send you Invoice and Bill of Loading of five Pipes of Madeira Wine consigned to you by the Dragon Sloop, also an Account of two Months Impress Paid and provisions delivered the Syrang for the said sloop. The Invoice and Bill of Loading for a Chest of Stationary consign'd to the Chief of Deve Cotah are likewise enclosed and are to be forwarded.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
JOSS. DUPRE'.
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 23D. APRIL 1757.

No. 26.

To the Worshipfull the Deputy
Governour and Council
at Fort Marlborough.

Gentlemen

The Committee for affairs of the West Coast having laid before Us their Report of the state of our Honourable Masters Settlements & Concerns under your Management Collected from your advices Consultations & Accounts for two years past, We herewith send you a Copy thereof, to which, so far as it is not contridicted [*sic*] herein, you will pay the same regard and attention as if it were here repeated.

In some of our former advices We acquainted you that We should comply with your request for two sloops of Fifty Tons as soon as We could purchase them. We have not yet met with any that would answer your purpose and shall therefore Order them to be built at Vizagapatam immediately.

The Three Long Boats you Indented for will proceed with the Hartop Snow now under dispatch.

The Sloop of Force of 80 Tons being intended chiefly for the protection of Natal will now become unnecessary as that Settlement will probably be with drawn.

We have purchased a ship on the Companys Account in the room of the Prince George last in Bengall River, and purpose dispatching her to you as soon as she can be properly fitted.

We do not think proper that the Walpole should proceed to the West Coast, and as we shall be better able to Judge after the Arrivall of the expected shipping from Europe how to dispose of all the Tonnage on hand We shall acquaint you in our next Advices of the provision We shall have made for your Surplus Pepper.

The great and unusual Rains on this Coast last season has made it difficult to procure any quantity of Salt, however as We are sensible it is an exceeding necessary Article with you We now consign you about 33 Garse by the Hartop tho it turns out very dear, and shall endeavour to send you a further quantity by the new purchased ship, as also some more Gun Powder and six twelve pounder Gun Carriages.

We approve of the method recommended by the Committee for supplying you with Slaves and shall accordingly write to our Honourable Masters and the two other Presidencys on that Subject.

Upon mature Consideration of the Advantages and Inconveniencys that will probably attend the Settlements of Natal and Tappanooly the former appear precarious and the latter so certain that We cannot think they will ever answer to the Company, if therefore on the arrivall of the store ship you should not receive positive orders from our Honble Masters to maintain those Settlements they must both be wholly with drawn leaving only such marks of possession as are recommended by the Committee.

We are sensible that the opportunity of Trade on the West Coast are few and Confined and therefore We think it but reasonable that the Trade to that part of the Island should be reserved entirely to the Companys Servants there and purpose recommending to our Honble Masters to give positive orders to the two other presidencys to prohibit their Vessells from trading at those Ports.

Instead of Collecting the Import Dutys in the Manner you were directed in October 1754, let this be the Rule in future On all merchandize from hence add Twenty five ℔ Cent to the Value expressed in the Manifest and on that sum levy five ℔ cent in full of all Dutys, in all other Respects we Confirm the Directions given in October 1754 and the Regulations made by you in Consultation the 15th. May last.

We confirm Mr. Frith in the Rank of a Captain to which you promoted him, and his Brevet comes in the Packet, the time of his taking Rank is left Blank it is to be the date of the Brevet you gave him, and it must be inserted accordingly.

Messrs. Charles Frederick Noble and Hallet Saunders who were appointed Factors on your Stablishment [*sic*] and arrived here last Year have had Notice to embark on the Hartop.

You should always in your advices to Us insert in the Margin the dates of the Consultations or Letters which have any relation to the subject of the Paragraph. Your Consultations must never again be sent Us without an Index and Marginal Notes. You must also observe that your Consultations Letters received and sent &ca. are to be transmitted to Us in Setts commencing the 1st. January and Ending, the 31st. December and when you send a part of the Years transactions let the sheets be only stitched together that they may be afterwards bound here in proper setts with the other part of the year when received, but the broken setts to or from any dispatch must never be bound with any part of another Year as you have some times done.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants,

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 26th. April 1757.

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipp'd on board the Hartop Captain Thomas Savage for Fort Marlbrō by the following persons Vizt.

By Captain Thomas Savage on his Indulgence.

Marks & Numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Ps. ..	Ps.	f.	c.	P.	f.	c.
T S B No. 1 @15.	15		Long Cloth blue 1/2 p.	60 @Pg.	27	1620	—	—			
	—										
Carried over						1620	—	—			

Marks & Number.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Ps.	..	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
Brought over	15.		..	...		..	1620	—	—			
W												
No. 1 @ 12.	12		Long Cloth White ...	18	@p.	35	— 630	—	—			
T S No. 1	1		Bugguess Cambays ..	8		13	— 104	—	—			
B C												
T S No. 2.	1		Batties blue flowered:	20		5	18 110	—	—			
B M												
T S			Blue Morees	2		38	— 76	—	—			
P N C No. 3.	1		Pulliacat Cambays ..	4		28	— 112	—	—			
			Metchlepatam Cambays.	4		26	— 104	—	—			
T S No. 4	1		Long Cloth White ..	1		60	— 60	—	—			
			Metchlepatam Chints.	2		25	— 50		—			
			Pulliacat Handkerchiefs.	1		38	— 38	—	—			
			Cambrick	5		30	— 7	18	—			
T S												
S No. 1	1		Bugguess Cambays ..	10	—	13	— 130	—	—			
			Handkerchiefs Red 8 in a Peice.	1	18	30	— 57	—	—			
No. 2	1		Bugguess Cambays ..	10		13	130	—	—			
No. 3 4	2		Long Cloth Blue ½ Peice.	10		27	— 270	—	—			
R												
No. 1 2	2		Long Cloth Blue ½ Ditto.	12		27	— 324	—	—			
No. 3 4	2		Long Cloth White ..	3		35	— 105	—	—			
No. 5	1		Metchlepatam Handkerchiefs.	5		23	— 115	—	—			
			Blue Morees ..	2		38	— 76	—	—			
W B												
No. 1	1		Ditto Batties ..	20		5	18 110	—	—			
			Ditto Morees ..	3		38	— 114	—	—			
No. 2	1		Northward Handkerchiefs.	4		23	— 92	—	—			
			Malay Chints ..	1		32	— 32	—	—			
			Ginghams Ordinary..	2		18	— 36	—	—			
			Long Cloth fine ..	—	2	10	2 20	—	—			
			Cambrick	—	1	18	14 4	18	—			
			Madras Handkerchiefs.	1		60	— 60	—	—			
No. 3 & 4	29		Long Cloth blue ½	8		27	— 216	—	—			
	—	44	Peices.							4803	—	—

By Mr. Richard Dawson Chief Mate on his Indulgence.

R D	...											
G L												
No. 1	1		Containing Vizt.									
			Fine Long Cloth ..	—	2	@P. 10	20	—	—			
			Do. Do. Do.	—	6	6 18	39					
R D	...		Gingham		6	10 24	156	—	—			
CH No. 2	1		Chints		5	5 25	156	9	—			
R D No. 3	1		Containing Vizt.									
B C	..		Cambays		3	10 17	59	18	—			
			Ginghams		2	10 15	37	18	—			
R D	...		Pullicat Handkerchiefs.		1	— 50	50	—	—			
B M No. 4	1		Morees		9	5 34	314	9	—			
R D	1	Chest	Plain shirts		3	— 17	42	—	—			
	—		....		..	..						
Carried over	5						874	18	—	4803	—	—

Marks & numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corges.	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
Brought over	5	..	..	..			..	874	18	-	4803	—	—
	2 Bags		Cummin Seeds One Candy.		—	@ P 23	—	23	—	—			
	—	7	Bales Chests and Bags amounting to. By Mr. Stephn. Berrow Second Mate on his Indulgence.								897	18	—
S B													
No. 1	1		Containing Vizt. Fine Dimity.		6	6	18	39	—	—			
			Fine White Gingham.		4	4	18	18	—	—			
			Eight Chint Shavg. Cloths.		—	—	18	4	—	—			
			Fine Cambrick ..		9	3	18	31	21	—			
			Coarse Cambrick ..		2	2	18	5	—	—			
			Morees	1	17	25	—	46	11	—			
			Blue Cloth		10	32	—	16	—	—			
	—	1	Bale amounting to .. By Walsh and Vansitart Consign'd to Mr. Joseph Darvel.								159	32	—
ID													
No. 1		1	Long Cloth blue ½ Peices. By Du Pre & Alexander Consign'd to Mr. John Williams.	4	19	27	—				133	—	—
No. 1 & 2	3		Long Containing Vizt. Cloth blue ½ Peices.	3	—	25	—	75	—	—			
			Do. Do. Do. Do.	3	—	25	—	75	—	—			
			Salampores blue ½ Do.	3	—	26	—	78	—	—			
			Morees ½ Do. ..	3	—	31	27	95	9	—			
	—	3	Bales amounting to .. By Du Pre' & Alexander Consign'd to Mr. John Williams.								323	9	—
I W													
No. 4 & 7	4		Containing Vizt. Pulliacat Handkercheifs.	4		@ p.	30	120	—	—			
			Metchlepatam Handkerchiefs.	2	10	22	18	66	9	—			
			Ditto. Ditto.	1	10	25	—	37	18	—			
			Serashes	4	—	25	—	100	—	—			
			Ditto.	5	—	7	—	35	—	—			
			Stockings	1	—	—	—	17	—	—			
			Long Cloth Ordinary White.	2	—	—	39	78	—	—			
			Ditto. Ditto.	2	—	—	39	78	—	—			
			Sundry necessarys for Apparell.					120	16	—			
	—	4	Bales amounting to ...								652	7	—
		60	Bales Chest and Bags amounting to ..						Pagodas ..		6,968	30	—

The following are to be free of duty.
By Captain Edward Burman for Peter Downes.
1 Box directed for Mr. Walton Braham.
R. M. 1. half Chest China for Mr. Marriott.
D 1. Box Tea directed for Messrs. Marriott and Gunn.
D 1. Box Tea for Messrs. Marriott Gunn and Williams.
2 Small Boxes of Tea for Mrs. Marriott.
1 Small Long Box of silks for Ditto.
By Captain John Brohier.

No. 1 & 3 Three Bales } Containing Military Cloathing.
4 One Box }

Fort St. George the 25th April 1757
Joss. Du Pré'
Secry.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro by the Hartop Snow.

No. 1 General Letter dated 26th. April 1757.
2 Report of the West Coast Command dated the 13th. Do.
3 Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Hartop on the Honourable Companys account.
4 Bills of Lading for Do.
5 Manifest of Private Trade.
6 Captain Friths Commission.

Fort St. George 26th. April 1757.
Joss. Du Pré'
Secry.

No. 27.

To Captain Thomas Savage
of the Snow Hartop.

Sir

You are hereby order'd to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Directions in delivering the Cargo Consigned to them Dated in Fort St. George the 26th. April 1757.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 28.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
and the other Gentlemen of Council at
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Since our last We have received your several Letters of the 9th. 11th. 15th. 19th. and 21st. April.

The late Cowle for the measuring Duty Commenced the 1st. November 1751, therefore Cootahs plea that 100 Pagodas of the Rent were forgiven him in July 1751 cannot respect the late Cowle, That sum might probably have been abated in Mr. Floyers time, as he sets forth in his Petition which accompanied your Letter of the 8th. September 1754.

Cawn Moodeliare and Irshippah Chitty are Jointly and Seperately answerable for the Rent of the Deve Cotah Bounds therefore if the one is not in Circumstances to furnish his share the other must pay the whole.

We herewith send you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chitty upon Nauchiepah Chitty for Twenty thousand Pagodas of which 5000 are payable at 5 days sight, 8000 more at 20 days and the remaining 7000 at 30 days sight.

Linga Chitty and Irshippah Chitty are willing to receive advances here on Account of your Investment. Acquaint Us therefore in your next what Ballances remain with them.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends and Servants
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 9th. May 1757.

No. 29.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 12th. April.

The Tamarind Wood will not answer for Gun Carriages as it very soon decays.

In regard to the Dispute between the Renter and Polygar, We find on enquiry that there is no such Measure used at Deve Cotah as a Caunce. We shall Consider this matter further when the Farm is relet, for the present the Poligar must be allowed the same quantity of Ground and other advantages that he enjoyed under former Renters.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18TH. MAY 1757.

No. 30.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 16th. and 17th. Instant with the Consignment by the Mahamudy.

We would by no means have compulsion used in the sale of the Companys Rice but rather than let it perish still more by longer keeping We would have you offer it in the Buzar even as far as ten or fifteen Pagodas ℔ Garce under the Market price of new Grain.

We approve of Mr. Humes succeeding Mr. Call as a Member of the Board of Works and you may make him the same allowance for a Palankeen as Mr. Call had.

It does not appear by the Consultations for July 1751 That any allowance or abatment was made to Cootah in the Rent of the Weighing and Measuring Farm he must therefore pay in all arrears and in future you must insist on all the Farmers paying in their Rents regularly as they become due and if it should be on any Occasion reasonable to make an allowance on proper application it may be done afterwards but we will not have the Payment of the Rents delayed under pretence of such application.

We cannot at present furnish you with all the Articles of your Indents but you shal be supplyed with such as We have as opportunity may Offer.

Copy of the Arrack Farmers Cowle comes herewith.

We do not think it necessary to make any further advance to Irshippah Chitty or Linga Chitty on account of your Investment untill they have advanced their present Ballance.

Your several Drafts on Us have been paid.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants.
GEORGE PIGOT
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. MAY 1757.

No. 31.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our last was dated the 19th. February, a Duplicate whereof Accompanys this, and We have since received a Duplicate of your Letter of the 5th. February (the Original whereof with the papers enclosed by the Prince George is not yet, come to hand), and your favour of the 22d. April.

The two accompanying Packets under your address We are desired by the Gentlemen at Bengal to forward to you.

The Walpole not arriving here from the Bay 'till the 13th. of last month We judged that too late to attempt the passage round the Cape, We therefore do not purpose dispatching her till some time in June.

The Delawar has been sent home from Bengal. The Marlborough is now here and will shortly be returned to the Bay from whence she will probably be dispatched to Europe with a full Loading early in September as the Gentlemen in Bengal write Us.

The Gentlemen at the West Coast write to Us for a large supply of Male Slaves which We are unable at Present to furnish them with. To hire a Country Vessell for a slaving Voyage to Madagascar would turn out very expensive and be subject to much risque, We propose therefore writing to our Honourable Masters to appoint a Ship from Europe for that Service in the mean time some might be procured We imagine by contracting with Owners of the Vessells that Trade some times from your Port to Madagascar and the other Islands for Cowries &ca. to pay them a certain stipulated price for every slave they deliver you, If your Honour &ca. should find this scheme practicable We beg the favour you will carry it into execution, submitting it to you to stipulate the different prices of Males, females, and children observing that only males if possible should be contracted for should your Honour &ca. be able by this means to procure any We are to request you will send them round to Us as opportunitys may offer.

The King of Acheen in a Letter to the President (a Copy whereof accompanys this) Complains that a Sloop which some time ago he lent to Captain Scott who sailed from your Port has never been returned, We beg leave to recommend to your Honr. &ca. [an] enquiry into this affair, and herewith forward a Letter from the King of Acheen to Mr. Bourchier on that subject.

We are
Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 28th. May 1757.

No. 32.

To the Honourable Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governor &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir and Sirs

The Walpole arrived here the 13th. of last month and brought Us your favour of the 28th. February and by the Marlbro which imported here the 27th. of last Month We recd. your advices of the 26th. March.

This waits on you by our Honble Masters Snow Arcot; our intention in sending her down to you is that she may be sold to the best advantage as We imagine you will be able to obtain a better price than can be had here. This Vessell has cost the Company much money in Repairs and Still proves leaky tho' on a survey had here her Timbers & plank are reported to be sound and good, but as We think it best to avoid any further Expence for Repairs We are to request your Honour &c^{a}. will cause her to be sold and credit this Presidency for the amount.

We purpose shortly to return the Marlborough to you with such of the last years Europe Consignments to you which were landed here as she can take in.

We so well know the Consequence to the Company of the Bengal Investment that nothing should ever be wanting on our parts to promote it, but at present We are utterly unable to assist you with any further supply of Treasure having but barely sufficient to defray our own unavoidable Expenses, but Your Honour &c^{a}. may be assured that by the earliest Conveyance after we receive supplys from Europe We shall make you as large Consignments as possible and in this We shall observe your request to have the whole in Bullion.

Agreable to your desire We herewith send you an Account of the Assay of the several sorts of Silver & Gold coined in our Mint with an account of the Charges of Coinage.

The Walpole not arriving here till We judged it too late to attempt the passage round the Cape We purpose keeping her here till some time next month.

The Gentlemen at the West Coast write to Us for a large supply of Male Slaves which We are unable at present to furnish them with. To hire a Country Vessell for slaving Voyage to Madagascar would turn out very expensive and be subject to much risque We purpose therefore writing to our Honourable Masters to appoint a ship from Europe for that service in the mean time some might be procured We imagine by Contracting with the Owners of the Vessells that Trade some times from your Port to Madagascar and the other Islands for Cowries &c^{a}. to pay them a certain stipulated price for every Slave they deliver. If your Honour &c^{a}. should find this scheme practicable We beg the favour you will carry it into execution submitt^{g}. it to you to stipulate the different prices of Males females and children, observing that only males if possible should be contracted for; should your Honour &c^{a}. be able by this means to procure any We are to request you will send them to Us or to Fort Marlbro' as opportunitys may offer.

We are
HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your Most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 28TH. MAY 1757.

N^{o}. 33.

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERN^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

We addressed you by the Arcot Snow under date the 28th. Instant and this waits on you by the Protector on which ship We laden One hundred Tons of Copper and sixty Barrells of Cannon Powder, the Arcot Snow is under orders to touch at Vizagapatam with supplys for our Northern Settlements but having lately received Intelligence from those parts which give Us but too much

reason to apprehend that the French either have or are preparing to make an Attempt upon Vizagapatam We have judged it proper for the security of the Arcot Snow to direct Captain England to Convey her to Vizagapatam and to lay too till they receive advices from that Settlement, should the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam be in want of Power We have given them Liberty to detain a part or the whole of what We now design for your Honour &c^{a}. by the Protector and shall make use of some other Opportunity to supply you as fully as We are able.

The Protector has on board ten French Deserters having already entertain'd as many here as We think consistent with prudence, these you will either please to incorporate with Your Military or deliver to Admiral Watson as you shall think best.

We are
HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1757.

N^{o}. 34.

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQ^{R}. VICE ADMIRAL
OF THE BLUE AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTYS
SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

Having been acquainted by the Committee on the Arrival of the Revenge Captain James that your Intention in sending that ship hither was to receive on board such part of your provisions as the Marlbro' and Protector could not take in the Captain had all Assistance given him in our Power and had shipped a part thereof but learning soon after that part might very conveniently be put on board the Marborough and seeing at how great a hazard our Honble tect her while Loading We took the Liberty to direct Captain James to transport the Provisions to the Marlbro and shall detain the Revenge untill the Walpole's departure.

We are
SIR
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1757.

N^{o}. 35.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letters of the 9th. and 12th. April and the Bales by the Neptune Sloop.

We have laden and consign'd to you by the Honble Company's Snow Arcot Fifteen thousand Madrass Pagodas, of which five thousand are for the service of Madapollam Factory and are to be forwarded thither, and out of the remainder you will supply M^{r}. Calland at Ingeram with what may be necessary for the Charges of the Settlement.

Having occasion for a Sloop of about fifty Tons for the service of the West Coast We would have you Contract upon the most reasonable terms for building one of that Burthen to be finished as soon as possible.

Captain Bibb of the Arcot Snow has our Orders to proceed to Bengal as soon as the Consignments to you are landed.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 28TH. MAY 1757.

Since writing the foregoing having received Intellegence by a Peon from your Place of the preparations making by the French against our Honourable Masters Northern Settlement We have Judged it improper to send the Madrass Pagodas at this time and in the room thereof now Consign you Twenty Thousand Rupees and should no Accident have happend to Ingeram and Madapollam you will supply the Gentlemen there with what may be necessary for their Expences.

The Protector accompanys the Arcot Snow. We have laden on the former 60 Barrells of Gun Powder Consign'd to the Gentlemen at Bengal but should you be in want of any, the Commanders has [*sic*] Orders to deliver you such part as you may demand of him.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends,
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 30TH. MAY 1757.

No. 36.

TO MR. JOHN CALLAND
AT INGERAM.

SIR

We have received your two Letters of the 4th. and 10th. April and have directed the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to supply you with what money may be necessary to defray the Charges of the Factory at Ingeram.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 28TH. MAY 1757.

No. 37.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 14th. April, and to forward your Investment as much as possible We have sent five thousand Madrass Pagodas to Vizagapatam by the Arcot Snow which are to be forwarded to you from thence.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 28th. May 1757.

P.S.—Since writing the above having received Advice that the French had made or were preparing to make some attempts upon the Northern Settlements We have Consign'd only twenty thousand Rupees to Vizagapatam with Orders to the Gentlemen there to supply you (should no Accident have happened to the Factory under your Charge) with what may be necesary to your Expences.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 30th. May 1757.

No. 38.

To Captain George England
of the Honble Companys ship Protector.

Sir

Advices lately received having given Us reason to apprehend that the French may have possessed themselves of the Companys Northern Factorys and having laden on board the Honble Companys Snow Arcot some supplys for the service of those Settlements in case they should still be in our Possession We would have you take the said Snow under your Convoy and proceed to and lay off Pondemarke where the Commander of the said Snow has Orders to send a Peon on shore for Intelligence, If you should there learn that Vizagapatam is still in the hands of the Companys servants you will then proceed thither and should the Chief and Council be in want of all or any part of the Gunpowder now laden on the Protector you are to deliver such part as they shall demand and then you may proceed on your Voyage, but if you should learn at Pondemarka that Vizagapatam has fallen into the Enemys hands you are then to proceed with the said Snow to Bimlipatam that if the Companys Servants should be at Liberty and so inclined they may have an opportunity of proceeding with you to Bengall.

Having been under a necessity of detaining our Honble Masters ship the Revenge the Captain of Which ship had the Orders of Admiral Watson to Convey a small Ketch named the Betsey on board of which is laden a part of the provisions for his Majestys Squadron in Bengal you will take the said Ketch under your Protection untill your arrival in Bengal.

Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 30th. May 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 39.

TO CAPTAIN EDWARD BIBB
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SNOW ARCOT.

SIR

Having some reason to apprehend that the Companys Fort & Settlement at Vizagapatam may have fallen into the hands of the French We do not think it safe for you to Anchor in that Road without a certainty that the place is still in our possession you are therefore to touch at or bring too off Pondemarka and send ashore one or two of the Companys Peons (who are order'd to proceed with you) for Intelligence. If you should there learn that the Settlement is still in the hands of the Companys servants you are then to proceed thither immediately and after delivering the Treasure Consigned to the Chief and Council make the best of your way to Bengal but if you should learn that the French are in Possession of the Settlement you will proceed under Dutch Colours to Bimlipatam and remain there untill you can learn whether the Companys servants are released and are inclined to go with you to Bengal, and if so you will accommodate as many as you can and make the best of your way to FORT WILLIAM where you are to follow such Orders as you shall Receive from the President and Council as Well touching the Treasure Consign'd to Vizagapatam as in all other Respects and for your greater security We have directed Captain England of the Protector to take you under his Convey.

Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 30th. May 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 40.

TO GEORGE SCOTT ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

We now return the Pattamars that brought Us your Letter of the 7th. March.

The Prince Henry Packet arrived here for England the 25th. of last Month but brings Us nothing new having been dispatched so long ago as the begining of August.

The Walpole is now taking in her Loading for Europe and We propose dispatching her some time in next Month.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 30 MAY 1757.

No. 41.

TO WILLIAM PERCEVAL ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since we wrote to you by the Arcot Snow under date the 28th. and 30th. Ultimo, We have had the pleasure to learn that no attempts had been made by the Enemy, against Vizagapatam. As it is left to the Secret Committee to concert what further measures may be necessary for your security we have only now to acquaint you that the Commander of the Honble Company's ship Marlbro, by whom you will receive this, has orders to touch at your Port in his way to Bengall that you may have an opportunity of sending such advices thither as your situation may require, but you are not to detain the Ship longer than may be absolutely necessary.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18TH. JUNE 1757.

No. 42.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreable to your desire expressed in your favour of the 26th. March We now return to you our Honble Masters ship Marlbrough with such part as remains of the Europe Consignments intended for you last year but landed here, except forty Tons of Copper which shall be sent by another conveyance, some of those Consignments having been sold or expended, an Account of the particulars accompanys this, as does also an Invoice of those now Consigned you for which last we debt your Presidency having before Credited you for the

whole that was landed here except the 29 Chests of Iron Work for Gun Carriages by the Marlbrō of which we know not the Value, the Invoice having been sent in the Europe Packet to you, and we must therefore beg the favour you will send us an Extract of it, so far as relates to this Article.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18TH. JUNE 1757.

P.S.—We request your Honour &c^{a}. will comply with the enclosed Indent for Gunneys, Ropes & Twine by the earliest Conveyance.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ MARLBRO.

No. 1 General Letter dated.
2. Duplicate General Letter dated 30th. May 1757.
3. Invoice of the Marlbrō.
4. Bill of Loading D^{o}.
5. Invoice of Copper by the Protector omitted to be sent by that ship.
6. Three Accounts Viz^{t}. Import Warehousekeepers, Storekeepers, and Military Storekeepers Accounts of sundrys detain'd or Expended here of the Consignments from Europe to Bengall by the Ships of last season.
7. Copy of the Marlbro's Charterparty.
8. Account Current between the Company and the Owners of the Marlbro in regard to deficiency in the Cargo to be forwarded to England in the Marlbro's Packet.
9. Two Vol. of Acts of Parliament, of the 20th. and 28th. of George 2nd.—to be received from the Captain.
10. Patterns of Broad Cloth rec'd from Europe ℔ Chesterfield and now forwarded ℔ Marlbrō—to be rec'd from the Captain.
11. Indent for Packing Stuff.

JOS^{s}. DU PRE'
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
18TH. JUNE 1757.

N^{o}. 43.

TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER MACLEOD
OF THE SHIP MARLBROUGH.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your Arrival you are to deliver to the Chief and Council the accompanying Letter under their Address and then proceed to the River of Bengal where on your Arrival you will deliver to the President and

Council there the accompanying Letter under their address and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 19th. June 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No 44.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR. AND
THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 11th. Instant, and herewith send you the Invoice you desire of the Arrack you received from the Squadron and Mr. Kellet.

As Mr. Turner is desirous of returning hither for the recovery of his health he has our permission to do so, and we have appointed Mr. Andrew Newton to succeed him at your Board and in his Employs.

Being in want of Timber if you can supply us with the particulars mentioned in the accompanying List as also the Gun Carriages we would have you send them by the first opportunity.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT ST GEORGE
THE 21ST. JUNE 1757.

TIMBERS &CA. WANTED AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Teak Timber 18 feet long and from 9 to 11 Inches Square	20
Teak Timbers of 25 feet long and not less than 12 by 10 Inches, but if such cannot be had, there are two Timbers prepared for the Bascule of a Draw Bridge which may be sent if they are of the proper Length	2
Teak Timbers of 15 feet long and 12 Inches Square	2
Garrison Carriages with Wheels 18 Lrs. made by Mr. Call	4
Do. for 24 Lrs.	2

N°. 45.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The Cowle granted to Guntoor Vencatachilum for the Bounds of Deve Cotah having expired the 30th. Ultimo, we have relet that farm to Linga Chitty for one year commencing the 1st. Instant for Pagodas 7100, and in all other respects upon the same terms and Conditions as are expressed in the last Cowle a Copy whereof having been sent you last year we refer to it. The present farmer Acquaints us that he purposes to repair some of the old and cut new Channels for better conveying the Waters into the Paddy Grounds in these and all other improvements and affairs relative to his Cowle you will give him all reasonable Countenance and Support. We are informed that certain Bramins who enjoyed some Grounds as free Gifts under the Tanjour Government and which was reserved to them in the Phirmaund from the King of Tanjore to the Company have made great encroachments, it must be your Care to see that they assume no more than their antient [*sic*] Privilege. We find on due enquiry that the 176 Cawnees of Ground Granted to the Polygar of Deve Cotah should Contain Three thousand six hundred feet Square each Cawnee, let him therefore enjoy so much rent free according to his Cowle and no more.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends,
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 21st. June 1757.

N°. 46.

To William James Esqr.
Commanding the Honble Companys
Ship Revenge.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board the Said Ship and put yourself under the Command of Edmund Townley Esqr. Commanding his Majestys ship Triton, whose orders you are to observe and follow untill you receive our further directions. Dated in Fort St. George the 27th. June 1757.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

N°. 47.

To Captain George Baker of the
Honble Companys Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board the said Sloop and put yourself under the Command of Edmund Townlay Esqr. Commanding His Majestys

ship Tryton whose orders you are to observe and follow untill you receive our further Directions. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 27th. June 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 48.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 28th. May We have received your favour of the 1st. June by his Majestys Ship Triton enclosing a Packet for the President and Council at Fort William which shall be forwarded by the first opportunity and we beleive that may be in a few days.

The accompanying Packet we received the 26th. Instant from the Gentlemen at Anjengo and according to their Desire now forward it to you.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 28TH. JUNE 1757.

No. 49.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to accompany a Duplicate of our last by the Marlbro, and a Packet lately received from the President and Council of Bombay by his Majestys ship Triton.

We request your Honour &ca. will by the earliest Conveyance send us up at least one hundred Tons of Salt Petre with which and the Bales we have ready we shall be able to dispatch one of the expected Coast and Bay Ships early in September if no unforeseen event should impede it. We shall advise your Honour &ca. in time what further quantity of Salt Petre we shall have occasion for.

Notwithstanding our Intention of dispatching one of the expected ships back to Europe in September if your Honour &ca. should be disappointed in a Cargo for the Marlbro it may be adviseable to put on board her what Bale

Goods and Salt Petre you can procure and send her to us to be filled up, in that [or ne]ar any other that may intervene We shall alter our [wa]res accordingly.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 30TH. JUNE 1757.

No. 50.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR. AND
THE OTHER GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

By the Honble Companys Ship Revenge which sailed a few days ago We consigned you 350 Slabs of Lead and now by the Dragon Sloop we send you a further part of your Indents, Invoices and Bills of Loading for Cloth Consignments come enclosed as also an Account of Stores supplied to and disbursements made here for the Dragon Sloop [We] have also put on board that Vessell [. . .] Deve Cotah which you will forward together with the Invoice and Bill of Loading now enclosed to you advising the Chief thereof.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. JULY 1757.

No. 51.

TO JOHN SPENCER ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT ANGENGO.

GENTLEMEN

Your favour of the 1st. Instant we received the 26th. with the Packet for the President and Council of Bombay which according to your desire was forwarded immediately.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. JULY 1757.

No°. 52.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the
rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

We have laden on the Mahamudy and consigned to you the Wares and Stores expressed in the enclosed Invoice, the Commander is ordered to proceed to Deve Cotah to deliver such part of them as you shall direct him after which he is to follow the Orders he received from the President and Council at Fort William.

We have received your letter of the 30th. Ultim°. and have paid your draft for Pag^s. 1850. We shall at another time give you our sentiments on the case you mention regarding Cawn Moodeliar.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
the 9^th. July 1757.

No°. 53.

To Captain David Critchton
of the Mahamudy.

Sir

Having laden sundry Wares and Stores on board the Mahamudy you are hereby required to make the best of your way to Fort S^t. David and deliver such part of them there as shall be demanded of you by Alexander Wynch Esq^r. and the [rest of] the Gentlemen of Council and if they shall require you to proceed to Deve Cotah to land the remainder you are to do so; and you are then to follow such Orders as you have received from the President and Council at Fort William for your further Proceedings. Dated in Fort S^t. George the 9th. July 1757.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Foss Westcott.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No°. 54.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

As the Cowle for the Trevendeporum Country expired the 11th. Instant you will give Publick Notice that it will be relet at the Sea Gate here by Outcry for the term of five Years Commencing from the 12th. Instant on Saturday the

30th. of this Month and that the last Renter who still continues in possession will account with the New Renter for all benefits accruing from the expiration of his Cowle untill he delivers over possession.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
FOSS WESTCOTT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 17TH. JULY 1757.

No. 55.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 30th. June and having nothing new to communicate touching our Honble Masters affairs We have only to enclose a Duplicate with a Packet lately received from the West Coast under your address.

The Walpole Sail'd this morning for England.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. AUGUST 1757.

No. 56.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last of the 28th. June accompanyed a Packet sent us for you by the Gentlemen at Anjengo, We have lately received from them another which we now forward, with a Packet which came to our hands from the West Coast.

Within these few days we were favoured with your Letter of the 5h. July, and shall Communicate to the King of Acheen what you write us in regard to the Sloop he lent Captain Scott.

We are obliged to your Honour &ca. for your Intentions of sending us as many of your Male Slaves as you can, they will be very acceptable.

Messrs. Gee and Lowis, Supra Cargo's of the Prince George having requested our Permission to land here part of the Freight Treasure by that Ship from Bussorah to Bengal We permitted them to do so, as terms of Peace and Accommodation had been settled at Bengal between the Company and the Nabob.

The Walpole sailed from hence for England on the 3d. Instant, We detained her thus long in hopes that we might have had the pleasure to Advise Our Honble Masters of the Arrival of their outward Bound Shipping but as yet we hear nothing of them.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7TH. AUGUST 1757.

No. 57.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Prince George which sailed the 3d. Instant we sent you a further part of the Stores Consigned to you last year from England, but the Invoice having been omitted we herewith transmit it.

Upon Mr. Brohiers departure for Bengal having found it necessary to put the direction of the Works at this Settlement under Mr. Call We wanted a Capable Person to Conduct those at St. David and have on that Account detained Mr. John Hume who arrived here from England in August 1754 with a Brevet for a Lieutenancy on your Establishment, and that this detention on the Companys Service might not deprive him of that promotion which you intended him, We have given him a Captains Brevet to take Rank as such from the 10h. of April last being the date of Mr. Drakes Letter to the President on that Subject, We shall therefore be Glad your Honour &ca. would [report] of the Captains belonging to this Establishment [in that] Head and as soon as we are advised that you have done so we shall appoint him to a Company here. We are also to desire that for all the Military it may be absolutely necessary to detain for the Protection of the Companys Settlements in Bengal your Honour &ca. will be pleased to appoint the proper Number of officers out of those we sent you [who] already have Commissions as otherwise our Officers on this Establishment will be more than proportionate to our Men.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
" " "
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 14TH. AUGUST 1757.

No. 58.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Your Letters of the 13 and 30th. July are received.

We have directed the Renter of the Trevendeporam Country to pay the Rents to you for the last Cowle which expired the 11th. Ultimo. We have relet that Farm by Outcry to Linga Chitty for five Years the rent of which is also to be paid to you as well as the Rent of Devicotah bounds likewise farmed by Linga Chitty for one Year Copys of these Cowles shall be sent you by the next opportunity.

Your Military Storekeepers representation in regard to the Overplus and deficiencys of Stores stands referred to our Committee of Accounts our directions on that head must therefore at present be deferred.

You will receive this by the Honble Companys Sloop Neptune intended for the service of the West Coast as are also the three long Boats now at Cuddalore and we would have them all proceed to[gether]. Our Orders to the Master of the Sloop are to follow such as he shall receive from you, as soon therefore as the long Boats are ready (and we hope they are so now) you will put them under the care of Mr. Thomas Forrest Master of the Sloop to whom you will give orders to receive them under his Charge and proceed first to Deve-Cotah to land Captain Achilles Preston who goes from hence on her and then to make the best of his way to Fort Marlbrough.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 14th. August 1757.

P.S.—The Impress to the three Boats Crews expired the 24 of last Month you will therefore advance them four Months more and send us an Account thereof immediately as well as of all other Charges on their account.

No. 59.

To the Worshipfull the Deputy
Governour and Council
at Fort Marlborough.

Gentlemen

We wrote to you by the Hartop Snow the 26 of April a Duplicate will be sent you by the Honble Companys ship Duke now under dispatch by which we shall give you the necessary advices touching our Honble Masters affairs in the meantime We now Dispatch to you the Sloop Neptune and three long Boats which in compliance with your representations are intended for the service of

the West Coast the particulars laden on the Sloop as well on the Companys Account as on the Masters Indulgence will appear by the Accompanying Invoice and Manifest.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 14TH. AUGUST 1757.

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE NEPTUNE CAPTAIN THOMAS FOREST FOR FORT MARLBRO VIZT.

M & No.	Bales.	By Captain Thomas T B.	Corge.	Pr.	Price.	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
LCWTF ...		Forest							..		
1 @ 4 ..	4	Long Cloth White.	7		@35 ℔ C°.	245	—	—			
LCBTF 1 @ 3.	3	Long Cloth Blue ..	12		25	300	—	—			
TF 1 @ 3 ...	3	Cambays Red ..	20		12	240	—	—			
TF 1 ..	1	Ginghams ..	4		10	85	—	—			
N°. 1		Handkerchiefs ..	1	10	1½ ℔ Ps.						
TF 2 ..		Cambays Red		40	¾ ℔ Ps.				..		
N°. 1 ...		Long Cloth White.. ...		6	4	99	—	—			
		D°.		2	6						
		Chintz . . . 5 Patches.			3 ℔ Ps.						
		D°.		10	1 ℔ Ps.						
		Izzarees		2	4						
TFLW N°. 1.	1 Box.	Lacquered Ware			...	40	—	—			
TFCV ..	1 Bale.	Cuttinees		100	Ps.	37	18	—			
OPTF N°. 1 @ 4.	4	Ophium			@ 70 ℔ Ct.	280	—	—			
	13 Bales 1 Box 4 Chests	Amounting to Pagodas ..				1,326	18	—			

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14TH AUGUST 1757.

JOSS. DU PRE',
Secretary.

N°. 60.

TO MR. THOMAS FORREST
MASTER OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS
SLOOP NEPTUNE.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Alexander Wynch Esqr. and rest of the Gentlemen of Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 14 August 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 61.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have your Letter of the 15 Instant with a Duplicate of that of the 9th. Accompanying your Monthly Accounts.

We wrote you the 14th. Instant by the Sloop Neptune the Trevendeporum Renter both by the last and present Cowle is to pay the Rent to you, you will therefore Credit him for the Paddy dispatched you on that account.

As our Cash is low and we cannot so well at this time spare you a Supply We would not have you make any further Advances to your Merchants at Present.

You will receive this by the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon as well as some stores the particulars whereof will appear by the Invoice enclosed and we also send you herewith Copys of the Cowles for the Trevendeporum and Deve Cotah Country.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 21st. August 1757.

No. 62.

To the Resident for the time being
at Tappanouly.

Sir

Having laden on board the Honble Companys Ship Duke about Eleven Garce of Rice and twenty one Garce of Salt for the service of the Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra We have ordered the Commander to call first at Tappanouly that in case the Settlement should be in distress for either of those Articles you may be as speedily supplied as possible in such case therefore We permit you to take out what your necessitys may immediately require but no more advising your Superiours at Marlbro thereof, and this you are to do with as little detention to the ship as possible.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.

Fort St. George
the 24th. April 1757.

N.B.—The like letter omitting the word ' First ' to Natal & Moco Moco.

N°. 63.

To the Worshipful the Deputy
Governour & Council at
Fort Marlborough.

Gentlemen

Having wrote to you the 26th. of April last by the Hartop Snow, and therein fully answered your Letters rece'd to that time and given you such Instructions, as appeared necessary in the Conduct of our Honble Masters affairs we have now occasion only to take Notice of such Matters as arise from your Letters of the 21st. April 6th. and 27 May, received Since.

2. The Loss of the Companys Settlements in Bengal last Year, and with them their Ship Prince George altered the disposition of the shipping so much that were not able to send you any supplys, but as soon as we could We dispatched the Hartop to you with a Good Quantity of Salt knowing your Demand for that Article, and seeing by your abovementioned Letters that you are also in Distress for Rice We dispatched our Honble Masters Sloop Neptune to you the 14th. Instant with a Supply of the latter as you will see by the Papers in the Packet and by their Ship Duke We now send you a further Quantity of both with such other Articles as are mentioned in the Invoice. We observe and shall endeavour to comply with your request to be annually supplied from hence at least thirty five Garce of Rice, but as Circumstances may vary it is proper that you send us every Year as well of this as of all other Stores whatever, an exact account remains, together with an Indent of what supplys may be wanted.

3. We have in part complied with your Indent for long Cloth, Ordinary, having laden on the ship Duke, Fifty Bales, Thirty four of which are good Cloth such as we send to Europe part of the remainder is such as has been turned out on Sorting as unfit for the Europe Market and the remainder is such as has been torn and darned or otherwise damaged at the Wash, they are particularly distinguished in the Invoice and as we apprise you, so we would have you acquaint the purchasers of the Defects.

4. Your Indent for Eight thousand Dollars worth of fanams and one thousand Dollars worth of Copper Cash. Four thousand Dollars worth of fanams were sent you by the Hartop, the remainder and the Cash shall be coined and forwarded to you.

5. We have compared your Account remains of Ordnance and Military Stores with your Indent by the Hartop, and have thence formed a List of such Articles as we think necessary and sufficient, but as all these cannot be got ready against the time of the Duke's Dispatch such as remain shall be sent by future Conveyances. We observe by your Account remains that you have some Unserviceable Guns, and many Shott, for some of which you have no Guns of the proper Calibre, and other exceeding the proper Quantity for the Number of Guns; The useless Shott we would have sent hither the unserviseable Guns may be sent to England Freight Free, and we imagine the Commander of the Storeship will be glad to carry them on those terms as your Cargo's are light. That you may at once have a view of what we intend to send you and what we would have you send hither, or to Europe we enclose a List drawn out in Columns, to which we refer.

6. By the Sloop Neptune, we sent you, Eighty and by this Ship one hundred and twenty Barrells of Gun powder which we think a full supply for your Garrison and in the present situation of affairs on this Coast and in Bengal We cannot spare a Man to reinforce it.

7. It is not in our Power to send you an Engineer and in regard to Artificers we refer you to what we said on that Subject by the Hartop.

8. The Shipping from Europe for these parts not being yet arrived, We cannot tell what disposition We may make for your Surplus Pepper, but as you represent to us that you expect to have by the end of January above six hundred Tons over and above your annual ships Cargo, and that if it be not Shipped off you shall be at a loss how to secure it wanting Godown Room, to Guard against such an Inconvenience We would have you send us by the return of the Duke as much pepper as she can take in reserving the remainder of the surplus to be disposed of as we shall hereafter advise.

9. We send you by this Conveyance Seven Male Coffree slaves which we received from Bombay, and we have acquainted our Honble Masters how necessary it is you should have a supply.

10. You will find in the Packet an Account Coinage of the Gold you sent us by the Sloop Marlbrō, The sugar and Arrack recēd by that Conveyance are not yet sold but what you sent us by the Hartop last year has been lately disposed of the Sugar at Pagodas 17¼ ℔ Candy and the Arrack at Pagodas 53 ℔ Leaguer.

11. We would by all means have you send us by the return of the Duke or other good Conveyances all the Treasure you have more than sufficient for your own Demands, and as the Gold you sent us by the Marlbrō yields a Good Profit We recommend to you to Invest as much of the Treasure you intend for us in that Article as you can.

12. Mr. Charles Frederick Noble appointed by our Honble Masters a Factor on your Establishment and of whom we made some mention in our Letter by the Hartop now takes his passage to you on the Duke.

13. In the former part of this Letter we made mention of the Neptune Sloop dispatched to you with a Cargo of Rice, We have purchased that Vessell on the Companys account for the service of the West Coast you will therefore detain and employ her as you shall see occasion, the three Long Boats which you have repeatedly wrote for were dispatched to you in Company with the said sloop and are to be employed as the service may require and here we must observe that we apprehend the Chief Cause of your Vessells so soon going to decay is that they are suffered to run too long without being examined. We therefore recommend to you to have them (as well sloops as Boats) frequently haled ashore and the defects repaired in time. You will find in the Packet the accounts of the Costs and Charges of the abovementioned Sloops and Boats for which Fort Marlbrō being Debted in our Books you will Credit this Presidency in yours.

14. The Great increase in the Rent of the Arrack Farm relet by the Supravizors having given them Ground to imagine that Messrs. Hurlock and Hindley had during their Governments been guilty of [some] Collusion in farming out that Revenue, they thought it but equitable to insist on a Refund, but however reasonable the Conjecture might be, it seems that sufficient proof has not been brought to support the Charge, Our Honble Masters have therefore directed us to call upon you as well as the late Supravisors for further and Authentick Evidences, and that you may be particularly informed what it is our Employers require of you We herewith send you a Copy of their Orders to us on that head and also a Copy of a Memorial presented to them on that occasion by Mr. Hurlock. Whatever proofs you may be able to Collect you will transmit to the Court of Directors properly authenticated and Copys to us.

15. We observe by your Address to the Court of Directors the 27th. February last in Consequence of their Orders touching the Credit on your Books account the Estate of John Savage deceased you say you had ordered Extracts to be made from your Books in order to give us all the information you could towards settling that matter in as Clear a light as possible. We also have

received Orders from our Honble Masters on this head and wait for such Extracts and Observations as your Books may furnish in order to send them such remarks as may arise on Comparing them with ours.

16. As the Northern Settlements may be in want of some of the Stores we send you on the Duke We have ordered the Commander to touch first at Tappanouly, thence to Nattal, then to Moco Moco, and so on to Marlbrō our Intention in this is that those Settlements or such of them as are in being may be supplied with what Stores are immediately necessary for their subsistance and consistently with the more important Necessitys of Fort Marlbrō.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.

HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME.

JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
THE 24TH. AUGUST 1757.

ACCOUNT of Ordnance & Stores remaing. indented for, to be sent to, and returned from Fort Marlbrō.

Quality of Stores.	Indented for	Remaing. in Store.	To be sent.	Total.	To be sent from Fort Marlbro.
12 Pounder Guns	6 with carriages.	..	2	2	..
9 Pounders	..	8 Unservble.	..	8 Unserbl.	8 Unserviceable to Europe.
6 Pounders	4	9 Good	3	12 Good	
		2 Unserble	..	2 Unser.	2 Unserviceable to Europe.
8 Pounders	..	7 Good	..	7 Good	8 Do Do.
		8 Unserv.	..	8 Unse.	
3 Pounders Field Pieces.	2	..	2	2	..
2 Pounders	..	1 Good	..	1 Good	5 Unserviceable to Europe.
		5 Unser.	..	5 Unser.	..
1 Pounder	..	3	..	3	..
12 Pounder Gun Carriages.	6	..	3	3	..
6 Pounder Do. ..	9	3	9	12	..
3 Pounder Field Carriages.	3		2	2	..
3 Pounder Garrison Do.	7	4	4	8	..
2 Pounder Do. ..	1	1	..	1	..
1 Pounder Do. ..	3	1	..	1	..
Iron Work for 4 Six Pounder Carriages, and 6 three Pounder Carriages to be sent.					
24 Pounder shott ..		21	..	21	21 to Fort St. George.
8 Pounder do. ..		92	..	92	92 Do.

ACCOUNT of Ordnance & Stores remains. indented for, to be sent to, and returned from Fort Marlbrō—*cont.*

Quality of Stores.	Indented for	Remains. in Store.	To be sent.	Total.	To be sent from Fort Marlbro.	
12 Pounder shott ..	1000	103	..	300	403	
9 Pounder do. ..	..	495	..	495	495	To Fort St. George.
8 Pounder dº. ..	..	438	..	438	438	Dº.
6 Pounder dº. ..	400	1471	..	1471		..
5 Pounder	..	214	..	214		Dº.
4 Pounder	..	3080	..	3080	3080	Do.
3 Pounder	200	3879	..	3879 of wch.	1879	Dº.
2 Pounder	..	27	..	27		..
1 Pounder	..	81	..	81		..
1/2 Pounder	..	387	..	387	387	Dº.
8 Inch Brass Mortars.	2	..	..	..		..
4½ Cohorn Dº. ..	..	3	..	3		..
Beds for 4½ Cohorns ..	4	..	4	4		..
Shells for 8 Inch Mortars.	100	..	..	..		..
Shells for 5½ Inch Royalls.	..	271	..	271	271	Dº.
Shells for 4½ Inch Cohorns.	..	188	..	188		..
Granades	..	1189	..	1189 of wch.	689	Dº.
Fuzees for 7¾ Inch Shells.	300	..	..	..		..
Do. for 4-2/5 Dº. ..	500	..	300	300		
Powder	250 Barrls.	17	200	217	83 Barrels wch. are unserviceable to be sent To Fort St. George.	
Cutlasses	50	60	50	110		..
Swords	50	38	50	88		..
Lead	2 Candy	900 lb.	1000 lb.	1900 lb.		..
Cartridge Paper ..	10	..	10	10		..
Flannel	1 Pce.	..	1	1		..
Hand spikes	80	..	To be cut in the Woods at Fort Marlbrō.			
Junk	10 cwt.	..	10 cwt.	10 cwt.		..
Buntin	..	..	..	.		..
Powder Horns	20	..	10	10		..
Bits and Prickers for Guns.	ea 100	..	20 ea	20 of each		..
Worms for Dº. ..	100	..	10 of sizes for the Guns.			
Tanned Hides ..	4	..	4	4		..
Brass Scales for Weighg. Powder.	2	..	2	2		..
Brass Weights Troy ..	1 Sett	..	..	..		..
	1 Sett	..	..	..		..
dº. Averdu poize ..	2 setts	..	2 setts	2 setts		..
Moulds Carbine ..	1 Pair	..	1 Pr.	1 Pr.		..
Sulphur Sublimate ..	1 cwt.	..	1 cwt.	1 cwt.		.
Copper Measures from 1 lb. to ¼ oz.	1 Sett	..	1 Sett	1 Sett.		.
Spirits of Wine double distilled.	2 Gallons	..	2 Galls.	2 Galls.		..
White Wine Vinegar ..	12 Gallons	..	12 Gall.	12 Galls		.
Drum Heads ..	30	..	30			
Match	1 cwt.	38 lb.	1 cwt.	1 cwt.		

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on board the Duke Captain Thomas Powney for Fort Marlborough by the following persons viz^{t}.

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total bales.	—	Corges.	Pieces.	Ps. f. c.	Ps. f. c.
			By Captain Thomas Powney on his Indulgence.				
T P							
L C W 1 @ 12	12	..	Long Cloth White ..	18	@ P 96	648 — —	
B C 1 @ 5 .	5	..	Long Cloth Blue half Pieces.	20	@ 26	1,742 — —	
L C B 6 @ 17.	12	..	Do. Do. Do.	47			
S B 1 @ 5 ..	5	..	Sallampores Blue ..	19	24	456 — —	
B B 1 ..	1	..	Beeteelas Blue ..	3	12	36 — —	
B C 1 ..	1	..	Cambays Blue ..	5	18	90 — —	
M C 2	2	..	Morada Cambays ..	8	24	132 — —	
B C 3 & 4 ..	2	..	Bugguess Cambays.	16	13	208 — —	
H 5 ..	1	..	Cambays Blue Coarse.	4	8	64 — —	
			Handkerchiefs Do.	4			
B R H 1 ..	1	..	Handkerchiefs Blue	4 10		144 — —	
			Do. Red.	4 10			
T H S 1 ..	1	..	Taffitys	2	32	64 — —	
			Red Handkerchiefs.	2	28	56 — —	
			Sarastes	2	5½	11 — —	
B M T 1 ..	1	..	Morees Blue ..	4	22	88 — —	
			Tappys	3	4½	13 18 —	
B M S 2 ..	1	..	Morees Coarse ..	3	15	45 — —	
B C			Bugguess Cambays.	1	..	13 — —	
W M 1 ..	1	..	Morees White ..	11 9	10	114 18 —	
M C 2 ..	1	..	Morada Cambays ..	8	24	192 — —	
T P O ..	26	Chests.	Ophium	127 Md.	16½	2,095 18 —	
T P N 1 @ 2.	2	Do.	Do.	10 Do.	16½	165 — —	
T P 1 @ 3 ..	3	Do.	Do.	15 Do.	16½	247 18 —	
T P I H ..	2	Do.	Do.	9 Do.	16	144 —	
T P 1 H ..	1	..	Hummums ..	5	20	140 — —	
T P 2 ..	1	..	Pulliacat Handkerchiefs.	3	40	120 — —	
P H	—	81	Bales and Chests amounting to ..	..	..	..	7,089 — —
			By Mr. Joseph Sparke Chief Mate on his Indulgence.				
I S 1 ..	1	..	Bugguess Cambays.	1	15	15 — —	
			Blue Do. Fine ..	1	25	25 — —	
.. ..		..	Coffree Ginghams ..	1	9	9 — —	
..		..	Blue Cambays Coarse.	2	10½	21 — —	
	—				—		
Carried over.	81					70 — —	7,089 — —

Manifest of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George etc.,—*cont.*

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total bales.	—	Corges.	Pieces.	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
Brought over.	1	81				70	—	—	7089	—	—
..	..	..	Wootcott Cambays.	1	26	26	—	—			
..	..	..	Blue Handkerchiefs.	1	11½	11	18	—			
..	...	1	Bale amounting to By Mr. Charles Frederick Noble Factor for Bencoolen on his own Acct.	..	..		..		107	18	—
C N 1 @ 4 ..	4	..	Ordinary Blue Sallempores.	20	@ Ps 26	520	—	—			
5 @ 7 ..	3	..	Ordinary Blue Long Cloth ½ Ps.	15	26	390	—	—			
8 @ 10 ..	3	..	Ordinary Blue Long Cloth ¼ Ps.	20	13½	270	—	—			
11 ..	1	..	Do. Red Cambays.	5	15	75	—	—			
12 ...	1	..	Do. Handkerchiefs.	6	12	72	—	—			
13 ..	1	..	Pulliacat Cambays ..	6	24	114	—	—			
..	..	13	Bales amounting to By Clarke and Russell Consigned to Mr. Alexander Hall.	..	..		..		1471	—	—
A H 1 @ 2...	2	..	Long cloth blue half Peices.	8 28	8 48	225	32	64			
3...	1	..	Long Cloth Blue quarter Pieces.	4 13	34 10	55	28	40			
4...	1	..	Do. Midling half Pieces.	4 —	27 —	108	—	—			
5 @ 6..	2	..	Do. Ordinary White.	3 —	40 —	120	—	—			
7 @ 8..	2	..	Sallempores Blue ..	8 —	26 9	210	—	—			
9...	1	..	Bugguess Cambays.	5 13	4 50	65	23	10			
			Handkerchiefs Metchlepatam.	3 10	— —	30	—	—			
..	..	9	Bales amounting to.	..	..		..		815	12	34
		104	Bales & Chests amounting to	..	..	Pagodas.			9,482	30	34
			The Following are to be free of duty By Clarke and Russell for Mr. Alexr. Hall.								
	10	..	One Bundle Containing Shirts Thirty— one Short Drawers 24 Pair Stockings Ten Pair Shoes 14 Pair Goa Arrack One Hogshead. Ghee two Duppers.								

Fort St. George
the [...] August 1757.

Jos. Du Pre,
Secy.

List of Papers in the Packet to Fort Marlbro ℔ Duke.

No. 1 General Letter Dated 24th. August 1757
2 Duplicate Copy of the Report of the West Coast Committee Dated 13th. April 1757 ℔ Hartop.
3 Duplicate General Letter ℔ Hartop Dated 26 April 1757.
4 Do Do ℔ Sloop Neptune 14 August 1757
5 Invoice of Sundrys ℔ Duke
6 Bills of Loading ℔ Do.
7 Duplicate Invoice ℔ Hartop
8 Second Bills of Loading ℔ Ditto
9 Duplicate Invoice ℔ Sloop Neptune
10 Second Bills of Loading ℔ Do.
11 Manifest of Private Trade ℔ Duke.
12 Account of Ordnance and Military Stores remaining—Indented for—to be sent to—and returned from Fort Marlbrō.
13 Account of the Cost and Charges of the Sloop Neptune.
14 Account of the Cost and Charges of three Long Boats.
15 Account Coinage of Gold received ℔ Marlbrō Sloop.
16 Extract of General Letter from the Court of Directors Dated 11th. February 1756 para. 39.
17 Copy of Mr. Hurlocks Memorial to the Court of Directors desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlbrō for $ 5200.
18 Copy of Letters to the Residents at Tappanouly, Natal and Moco Moco ℔ Duke Dated 24th. August 1757.
19 Copy of Captain Powney Sailing Orders.

Fort St. George 24 August 1757
Joss. Du Pre
Secry.

N.B.—The Numbers 5. 7. 9. 13. 14 not being sent in by the Accountant in time for this Packet are to be recēd seperately from him.

No. 64.

To Captain Thomas Powney
of the Honble Companys Ship
Duke.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board and make the best of your way to Tappanouly on the West Coast of Sumatra, where you are to deliver to the Resident such part of your Cargo, as he shall demand of you and then proceed to Natal where you are to do in like manner and then make the best of your way to Moco Moco for the same purpose and then proceed to Fort Marlbro where you are to deliver the remainder of your Cargo to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Herewith are delivered you four Packets Vizt.

One for the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbrō.

One for the Resident of Moco Moco.

One for the Resident at Natal, and

One for the Resident at Tappanouly

which on your arrival at those ports you will deliver as directed. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 24th. AUGUST 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.

No. 65.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 7th. Instant we have received your favour of the 17th. July by the Fort William Schooner with the Seven Slaves you sent us. If your Honour &ca. can spare any more it will be agreable to our Honble Masters that you send them to St. Helena by the first Conveyance where they are much wanted.

Your Packets (Originals & Duplicates) for the Honble Court of Directors and the Secret Committee shall be forwarded as you desire.

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry having sent us a Packet to be forwarded to you, it accompanys this. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. AUGUST 1757.

No. 66.

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We are to acknowledge the receit of your Letters of the 19th. January, 16th. February 18th. March and 1st. August and to thank you for the advices you give us from time to time of the arrival and Departure of our Honble Masters Shipping which besides the Satisfaction it gives us has this further use that it enables us to communicate it to them.

Your Packet for the President and Council of Bombay has been forwarded as you desire.

The Walpole sailed for England the 3d. Instant with a full loading of Bales. None of the expected shipping as yet appear.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. AUGUST 1757.

No. 67.

To JOHN SPENCER ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT

ANJENGO.

GENTLEMEN

The 7th. Ultimo We advised you that we had forwarded the Packet to Bombay which accompanied your Letter of the 1st. June, We have since received and forwarded that which you sent us with your Letter of the 30th. June.

The Walpole Sailed for England the 3d. Inst. We as yet hear nothing of the expected Shipping. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Most Obedient Servants

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE

THE 26 AUGUST 1757.

No. 68.

To THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL

AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Honble Masters Ship Duke having been loaded and dispatched to Fort Marlbrō but proving too leaky to proceed was obliged to put back after beating several days to the Southward, We are therefore under the necessity of sending her down to the Bay to be caulked and Sheathed, the want of which we apprehend to be the only defect, and as she has been compleatly fitted herewith all necesary Stores, and consequently in no want of any more, we hope the expence that may be incurred with you will not be very considerable, and we must request your Honour &ca. will be pleased to give directions that the necessary repairs be made with the utmost expedition.

The salt on board the Duke was intended for the West Coast but is now Consigned to you to be disposed of at Bengal Invoice of which is enclosed.

We also inclose an account of what particulars remain on board the Duke and are intended for Fort Marlbro amongst which your Honour &ca. will observe there are one Hundred and Twenty Barrels of Gun Powder, of which you will please to detain such part as you may have immediate occasion for but if your want should not be pressing We had rather the whole were forwarded to Fort Marlbrō where they have but very little remaining, whether you keep any or not we must desire your Honour &ca. will advise us as well as the Gentlemen at Marlbrō that the Accounts may be properly adjusted.

As soon as the ship is refitted we are to request that your Honour &ca. will put on board as much fine Rice as she can take in with Fifteen hundred of the best Gunny Bags for Pepper and dispatch her to the West Coast directing the Commander to proceed first to Tappanouly next to Nattal then to Moco Moco

and from thence to Fort Marlbrō our Intention in which is that those Settlements may as soon as possible have a supply of Rice of which they are in great Want.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 5TH. SEPTEMR. 1757.

No. 69.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY
GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBRŌ.

GENTLEMEN

We had laden and Consigned to you by our Honble Masters Ship Duke the several Articles you will find inserted in the Invoice enclosed in our Packet of the 24th. Ultimo but after the Ship had been at Sea two or three days being too leaky to proceed, and therefore obliged to return, We found it necessary to send her down to Bengal to be caulked and sheathed, and have landed here the Rice and Military Stores (except Gunpowder) intended for you, and have Consigned the Salt to the President and Council at Fort William, to whom we now write to send you as much fine Rice as the Ship can take in and fifteen hundred of the best Gunny bags for Pepper and to give the Commander Orders to proceed first to the Northern Settlements and then to you in the same manner and for the same purpose as we had intended in our former dispatch.

Since closing our Packet of the 24th. Ultimo we have recēd from Fort St. David an Account of some further Expences on the Neptune Sloop and three Long Boats, for which also you will Credit this Presidency agreable to the Copy thereof enclosed, and you will also receive herewith an Account of such of the Articles included in the Invoice accompanying our Packet of the 24th. Ulto. as have been relanded here or Consigned to Bengal.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 5TH. SEPTR. 1757.

No. 70.

TO CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SHIP DUKE.

SIR

As it is judged unsafe for the ship Duke to proceed directly to the West Coast in her present leaky Condition, We think it necessary she should be Caulked and Sheathed and for that purpose you will repair on board and make

the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your Arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there, to whom we now write Concerning the said Repairs desiring that all possible Expedition may be used. Part of the Cargo intended for the West Coast has been relanded here the salt remaining on board we now Consign to Bengal, and you will likewise deliver there such part of the Gunpowder as shall be demanded of you. It is our intention you should proceed to the West Coast from Bengal after being refitted, but concerning the Cargo to be taken in there, your dispatch from thence and all other your further proceedings you will follow such orders as you shall receive from the President and Council there. Dated in Fort St. George the 5th. September 1757.

George Pigot
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 71.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the pleasure to advise you that since closing our Letter of the 5th. Instant our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock, and Princess Augusta arrived here from England, by the Boscawen and Norfolk we received two Packets from the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded to you, one of them accompanys this, the other shall be sent by the next Conveyance.

As it is reported and with some appearance of Truth that your Affairs have for some time past been imbroiled with the Country Government We imagine that under such Circumstances you have not been able to establish a Mint agreable to the permission granted you by the Nabob upon the retaking of Calcutta upon that supposition we are coining the Treasure received by the abovementioned ships and shall forward you a supply of Rupees by the very next Conveyance, which if we are right in our Conjecture, will be more usefull to you than Bullion, indeed we should not think it all together prudent to Venture much on the Duke as she is very leaky and we have at this time no more than twenty thousand Rupees remaining in the Treasury.

In our Letter of the 30th. June we desired your Honour &ca. would send us at least One hundred Tons of Salt Petre by the earliest Conveyance and promised to advise you of what further quantity we should want having received Orders from our Honble Masters to send home as much Salt Petre as their ships can take in without Prejudice to the more valuable part of their Investment. We are now to request your Honour &ca. will take every opportunity to send us up as large a quantity as you can.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 8th. Septr. 1757.

No. 72.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

When we closed our Letter of Yesterdays date We were in expectation that some Conveyance might have offered by which we should have been able to send you a supply of Rupees, but as the Arrival of a French Squadron at Pondicherry has rendered it less probable We take the opportunity of his Majestys Ship Triton to send you Twenty Chests of Bullion an Invoice of which shall be sent hereafter as time will not permit it now.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
9th. Septr. 1757.

P.S.—We herewith forward a Packet recd from England by the Norfolk.

No. 73.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last was dated the 26th. August and Yesterday we received your favour of 5th. of the same Month accompanying a Packet for the President and Council at Fort William which shall be forwarded by the first Conveyance.

Our Honble Masters Ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta imported here the 6th. Instant from England and are destined from hence to Canton, We have received the following Packets from the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded to you Vizt.

℔ Boscawen	two Packets	to be forwarded by the same Conveyance.
℔ Norfolk	two Do.	to be forwarded together by another Conveyance.
℔ Tavistock	One Do.	to be forwarded by a third Conveyance.

Those by the Boscawen accompany this, the others shall be sent by future opportunitys.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
15th. Septr. 1757.

No. 74.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBRO.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote you by the Hartop Snow in April that we purposed to dispatch the Honble Companys Ship Duke to you with such Stores as you were most in need of, We accordingly did put on board such articles as you will find mentioned in that Ships Invoice and gave the Commander his Sailing Orders the 24th. of August, in consequence of which he put to sea but was obliged to return after beating two or three days the ship proving too leaky to proceed, We have therefore been obliged to send her down to Bengal to be Caulked and Sheathed and have disposed of the Cargo which was intended for you in the following manner. The Rice and Military Stores (except Gunpowder) have been relanded here, the Salt we have Consigned to Bengal and the Gunpowder, or any part, is either to be landed there or forwarded to you as the Gentlemen there may think proper; at the same time we have acquainted them that your remains of that Article are very small and desired they would not detain any part unless it be absolutely necessary. When the ship is refitted (which we think may be done by the end of November) she is to be dispatched to you from thence with what Articles remain on board of those originally intended for you, as much Rice as she can take in and fifteen hundred Gunny bags. The whole Transactions relating to the Cargo of the Duke We mean the particulars of what was laden, the Articles relanded here, those remaining on board and of them, what consigned to Bengal will clearly appear by the several Papers in the Packet to which we refer.

2. We now return the Marlborough Sloop to you with Rice and some Military Stores We should be glad to send also a supply of Cloth but want room, and as we have consigned a Considerable quantity to you by the Duke, We hope you will be able to appease the Planters until that Ship arrives, should any uneasiness have arisen amongst them for want of their Contract Cloth, you will also receive by this Sloop some Copper Cash.

3. The Tryal Sloop arrived here the 10th. Instant with your Advices of the 8th. August. The Agents on behalf of Admiral Watson for the Grampus Tender are acquainted with the terms on which you hired the abovementioned Sloop and will Account with the Owners accordingly.

4. The 6th. Instant imported here our Honble Masters Ships, Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta and are destined for Canton, but whether we shall dispatch them thither this season is not yet determined, as it is too late to leave us any hopes of their making the Passage.

5. By the abovementioned Ships the Court of Directors have transmitted us Copys of their Commands to you by the Falmouth one of which we forward to you least the Original should, in these Precarious times have miscaried.

6. You will observe by the 23d. and 24th. Paragraphs of that Letter what is said in regard to your Surplus Pepper, the Non arrival of the Coast and Bay ships puts it out of our Power to make any disposition, thus much is certain that should they arrive safe Bengal and this Coast cannot furnish Cargos for them all and in that case it would be a Great Saving of Demorage if your Surplus amounted to a full Loading and were entirely reserved for one of them, as it is most probable one of them will be dispatched to you should they arrive in time, but circumstanced as we are we cannot take upon us to give you any positive directions on this Head.

7. In the 27th. Paragraph you are told that directions will be given to Bombay to build two sloops of about 80 Tons Burthen for the Service of the West Coast, but that you are first to discribe to us the most convenient Construction

for that Service. In some of your former Letters you did request of us two sloops of Fifty Tons and one of Eighty the latter being Chiefly designed to lay as a Guard at Natal, We told you by the Hartop, We thought the Sloop of 80 Tons would be expensive and unnecessary, of the other two, one (the Neptune) was dispatched to you last Month, and the Marlbro Sloop, purchased by you since your request to us, is now returned to you, so that we Conclude there will be no occasion for the two Sloops intended to be built, however should the service require it you will give us proper Advice we may write to Bombay.

8. Our Honble Masters directions in regard to the Trade of the West Coast and the Freight and Customs to be levied are full and Explicit except in the 57 Paragraph which speaks of Freight to be paid for Private Trade laden on the Companys Vessells passing between the Presidencys and the West Coast without expressing the rate, We therefore supply it with respect to this Presidency and direct that you do collect a Freight of three ℔ Cent on the Value expressed in the Manifest of all private Merchandize permitted to be laden here on any of the Companys Vessels, and as in the said 57 Paragraph it is directed that the Freight of Private Merchandize laden on any of the Companys Vessells at the West Coast for either of the Presidencys shall be paid at such Presidency, you will allways on such occasions send us a Manifest expressing the Prime Cost of such Merchandize which it is our meaning shall pay here the like Freight of 3 ℔ Ct.

9. It is with pleasure we observe that some Recruits are intended you by the Storeship, as it is impossible for us, more now than ever, to supply you with any.

10. We find that the Standing Orders compiled by Mr. Combes of which you sent a Copy to the Court of Directors is much approved, it is proper that we should have a Copy of them also, and you will therefore direct it to be done, but we would not have any more material Business postponed on that Account.

11. Mr. Charles Frederick Noble who had taken his Passage on the Duke now proceeds on this Sloop.

12. One Tindal and Twenty three Lascars are sent by this sloop for the service of the West Coast they have had six Months Advance, an Account of which as also of the provisions put on board the Sloop for them you will find in the Packet.

13. A Squadron lately arrived at Pondicherry consisting of ten ships o. which two supposed to carry seventy Guns Six others large and Two Frigates after landing some Men Seven of them put to Sea again but where they are gone We cannot yet learn, from various Circumstances We Conjecture that the abovementioned Squadron consists of Companys ships only and came from the Islands, it is reported at Pondicherry that another Squadron of Eighteen Sail (of which Six Kings ships of the Line) with a Great Number of Land Forces are expected in January, this agrees nearly with the Account given you by the Court of Directors of the Preparations at Port l' Orient, if any, material Intelligence shoud reach you by the way of Batavia or otherwise concerning them, or any ships in the Streights you will give us immediate Notice.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
25TH. SEPTEMBER 1757

MANIFEST of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on board the Sloop Marlborough Captain Alexander Sherrard for Fort Marlbrõ by the following Persons Vizt.

Marks & Numbers.	Bales. &ca.	Totaal Bles		Corge.	Pieces.		Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
			BY CAPTAIN ALEXANDER SHERRARD—									
B No. 1	1		One Bale containing Vizt.—									
			Long Cloth	—	1 @	10 ℔P.	10	—	—			
			Muslin Handkerchiefs	—	1	4	4	—	—			
			Gingham	1	—	28 ℔co.	28	—	—			
			Bugguess Cambays	8	—	14	112	—	—			
			Bengal Taffatees	1	—	39	39	—	—			
			Cambrick	—	2	—	7	18	—			
			Muslin Handkerchiefs	—	2	—	8	—	—			
			Neck cloths	—	6	—	18	—	—			
			Pallampores	—	2	—	6	—	—			
			Cambrick Handkerchiefs	—	1	—	3	18	—			
			Chints	—	2 Patch.	—	14	—	—			
			Ginghams fine	—	1	—	5	—	—			
			Handkerchiefs blue fine	—	2 Ps.	—	7	—	—			
			One Bale containing—			—						
A No. 1	1		Blue cloth	3½		@30 ℔Co.	105	—	—			
	4		Casks Beer	—	—	@10 ℔Cask.	40	—	—			
	9		Cheeses	—	—	—	33	10	—			
			Freight free being on his Indulgence.							540	10	—
			BY GEORGE STRATTON TO HEW STUART—									
Directed.	1		One Bundle containing Vizt.—									
			Shirts	10	—	—	15	18	—			
			Long Cloth for Table Cloths	—	1 Ps.	—	5	18	—			
			Izzarees for Waist coats	—	1 Ptch.	—	4	27	—			
			Stockings	—	10 pr.	—	8	9	—			
			Pallampores	—	1	—	3	—	—	37	—	—
			BY CLARKE & RUSSELL TO MR. ALEXANDER HALL (the following articles were Manifested ℔ Duke)—									
No. 10.	1		One Bundle containing—									
			Shirts thirty one				28	—	—			
			Short Drawers twenty four Pr.	—	—	—	11	27	—			
			Stockings 10 ps.	—	—	—	6	—	—			
			Shoes 14 PR.	—	—	—	2	—	—			
			Goa Arrack one Hogshead	—	—	—	28	—	—			
			Ghee two Duppers	—	—	—	14	—	—	89	27	—
Carried over. ..	17		....	..	..	..		..		667	1	—

MANIFEST of Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on board the Sloop Marlborough Captain Alexander Sherrard for Fort Marlbro by the following Persons Vizt.—*cont.*

Marks & Numbers.	Bales &ca.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Ps.	f.	c.	Ps.	f.	c.
Brought over		17		..	..		..		667	1	—
			Freight free being for the use of the above mentioned Person—								
			N.B.—The following Particulars were likewise inserted in the Dukes Manifest.								
			By CAPTAIN THOMAS POWNEY TO MR. CHARLES FREDERICK NOBLE—								
TP		16	Sixteen Chests Ophium	72 Md.	@ 17 ℔ Md.		..		1224	—	—
			By MR. CHARLES FREDERICK NOBLE Factor for Bencolen on his own Account—								
CN 1 @ 4	4		Ordinary Blue Sallampores	20	@ Ps. 26	520	—	—			
5 @ 7	3		Do. Do. long Cloth ½ Ps.	15	26	390	—	—			
8 @ 10	3		Do. Do. long Cloth ¼ Ps.	20	13½	270	—	—			
11	1		Do. Do. Red Cambays	5	15	75	—	—			
12	1		Do. Do. Handkerchiefs	6	12	72	—	—			
13	1		Pulliacat Cambays..	6	24	144	—	—			
	13		Bales amounting to	..	..				1471	—	—
			By Clarke and Russell consigned to Mr. Alexander Hall—								
A.H. 1 @ 2	2		Long Cloth Blue Half Pieces	8	28 8 48	225	32	64			
3	1		Do. quarter do.	4	13 34 10	55	28	40			
4	1		Long Cloth Midling half Ps.	4	27 — —	108	—	—			
5 @ 6	2		Do. Ordinary white..	3	40 — —	120	—	—			
7 @ 8	2		Sallampores blue	8	26 9 —	210	—	—			
9	1		Bugguess Cambays	5	13 4 50	65	23	10			
			Handkerchiefs Metchlepatam	3	10 — —	30	—	—			
		9	Bales Amounting to	—	—		—		815	12	34
		54	Bales &ct. Amounting to			Pagodas	..		4177	13	34

FORT ST. GEORGE 25TH SEPTEMBER 1757.

JOS^{S} DU PRE.
Secry.

List of Papers in the Packet ℔ Sloop Marlbro.

N°. 1 General Letter dated September 1757.
2 Duplicate General Letter dated 5th. September 1757. } ℔ Duke.
3 D°. ... 24 August }
4 Triplicate D°. 14 August ℔ Neptune Sloop. }
5 D°. D°. 26 April } ℔ Hartop.
6 D°. Copy of the Committees Rept. 13 D°. }
7 Invoice of Sundrys ℔ Sloop Marlbrõ.
8 Bills of Loading ℔ D°.
9 Duplicate Invoice ℔ Duke.
10 Second Bills of Loading for D°.
11 Duplicate Account of Sundrys (part of Invoice N°.) relanded @ Ft. St. George.
12 Triplicate Invoice of Sloop Neptune.
13 Triplicate Invoice ℔ Hartop.
14 Manifest of Private Trade ℔ Sloop Marlbrõ.
15 Account of 6 Months Impress paid and provisions Supplied
1. Tindal and 23 Lascars Passengers ℔ Marlbro Sloop for the Service of the West Coast.
16 Packet Contg. the particulars of Expences on Account the Marlbro Sloop Vizt.
A. Captain Sherrads acct. Current of wages ℔ Marlbrõ Sloop to 26 August 1757
B. Account of 4 Ms. Impress ℔d. for said Sloop from 25 Augt. 1757.
C. Account of Stores and provisions supplied the Marlbrõ Sloop.
17 Duplicate Account of Ordnance and Military Stores remaining—
Indented for—to be sent to—and returned from Fort Marlbro.
18 Duplicate Packet containing the Accounts of the Costs and Charges of the Neptune Sloop and three Long Boats.
19 Duplicate Account Coinage of Gold ℔ sloop Marlbrõ.
20 Dup: Extract of General Letter from the Court of Directors dated 11 Febry 1756 Para 39.
21 Dup: Copy of Mr. Hurlocks memorial to the Court of Directors.
desiring payment of a Certificate from Fort Marlbrõ for $ 5200.
22 Copy of Captain Sherrards Dispatch.
23 Copy of the Companys Letter to Fort Marlbro dated 29th. December 1756 ℔ Falmouth.

Fort St. George — Jos Du Pre
25th. Septr. 1757. — *Secry.*

N°. 75.

To Mr. Alexander Sherrard
Master of the Sloop Marlbro.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro on the West Coast of Sumatra where on your Arrival you are to deliver the Accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the September 1757.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme
John Smith.

No. 76.

To Randolph Marriot Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort Marlbro.

Gentlemen

After closing our Letter of the 25th. Instant having found it necessary to detain the Marlbrō Sloop here a few days We have thereby the opportunity to send you ten Lascars besides those mentioned in our last Letter and you will receive herewith an Account of their Impress and provisions.

Admiral Watson's Agent for the Grampus Tender acquaints us that he is now returning the Tryal Sloop to Fort Marlbrō and has put on board two Garce of Salt towards discharging the Freight, as that Article of Trade is reserved to the Company you will purchase it on their Account.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot
&ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 30th. Septr. 1757.

No. 77.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have discharged the Bills you drew on us as advised in your Letter of the 12th. Instant.

It is not necessary to return any answer to the Protest sent you by the Governour and Council at Negapatam, as the Company have nothing to do with the Captures made by the Kings Ships.

Mr. Newton should have desired an explanation of his Parole before he signed it, but as he did not, you should write to Pondicherry to know their Sense of it, for they are the proper judges in this case and not we

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 30th. Septr. 1757.

No. 78.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to accompany a Duplicate of our Last with the Packets therein mentioned received from England by the Norfolk.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
George Pigot
&ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 1st. October 1757.

No. 79.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Triton and Duke we advised you of the arrival of four Ships from England, the Expectation of advices from you as well as the hopes of seeing some of the Coast and Bay Ships suspended any resolution in regard to the destination of these arrived, till at length the approaching change of Moonsoon has rendered it absolutely necessary to determine on some Measures, We have accordingly resolved to dispatch the Norfolk and Princess Augusta with about two hundred Tons of Bales each to the West Coast to fill up there with pepper and proceed to Europe, they are now loading and we hope will sail by the end of this Month. The Tavistock having received some Damage and being found unfit to proceed to Europe is out of the Service and going to Bombay to refit, and the Boscawen we now Dispatch to you with Twenty Chests of Treasure.

We are in Great Want of Salt Petre by the Duke we requested that your Honour &ca. would send us by every opportunity as much as possible, We beg leave to repeat it and that you will lade as large a Quantity as you can spare on the Boscawen and Dispatch her to the Negrais with a supply of Treasure Rice and other Stores to fill up there with Timber and Plank and return her in January or February. We have not had any Advices from that Settlement since January last their Ballance of Cash the end of December was about Thirty thousand Rupees and we reckon their Monthly Expences between four and five thousand Rupees so that they must probably be distressed for Cash wherefore we request your Honour &ca. will give the Boscawen as early a Dispatch as possible with such a supply of Treasure as you can spare and we conclude that all other kinds of stores usually sent thither will be acceptable as a Variety of Incidents have prevented our sending them any supplys or Advices for above a twelve Month past.

The Warwick Captain Webb from England and Madeira for Coast and Bay arrived about a fortnight ago at Trankebar, and being informed there that a French Squadron had been at Pondicherry and sailed again as it was supposed to Attack this Settlement put to sea without advising us of his Intentions and has not since been heard of.

None of the other Coast and Bay ships are yet arrived and as the Season is now so far advanced We conclude they will not Venture to come on the Coast before January.

We were in hopes we might have heard from you before we took any Steps in regard to the distination of the shipping, that we might have concerted such measures as would best suit the Circumstances of your affiairs as well as ours but as we are unfortunately Deprived of that advantage it is necessary you should be apprized of our Intentions that your dispositions may not Clash with them.

We have already Acquainted your Honour &ca. that the four ships Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta were intended for China and you are herein before informed how we have to this time disposed of them our further intentions are that the Boscawen and Tavistock (when sufficiently repaired) return hither and proceed in proper Season in 1758 to Canton according to their Original Consignments and Instead of the Norfolk and Princess Augusta which were also destined for Canton but are about to sail for Europe We purpose to appoint two of the expected Coast and Bay Ships when they

arrive to that Voyage Wherefore should all or any of the Coast and Bay Ships proceed directly to you without touching here we must request that your Honour &c^{a}. will send us up at least three of them whereof two for China and the third (early in January) for Europe as We reckon we shall have nearly a full loading of Bales left after the Dispatch of the Norfolk and Princess Augusta, We shall leave room in the two last mentioned Ships for about 350 Tons of Pepper and by Advices from the West Coast we judge they may have by the end of January near 600 Tons so that if any of the Coast and Bay ships should proceed directly to Bengal and your Honour &c^{a}. could furnish One hundred and fifty Tons of Goods exclusive of Kintlage and Redwood, We beleive you may depend on a sufficient Quantity of Pepper at Fort Marlbrō in January to Compleat one Ships Tonnage.

We have only to add that we should by this Conveyance have sent you a large Quantity of Treasure, but that we think it most probable the Coast and Bay ships will proceed directly to you in which case your Honour &c^{a}. will have an ample supply and in this case we are to request that you will please to put on Board the Boscawen for her China Stock Thirty five Chests of Bullion as the want of our usual supplys will lay us under the necessity of coining part of the Treasure intended for China.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT
&C^{A}. COUNCIL

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 16TH. OCTOBER [1757].

N^{o}. 80.

TO THE HONOURABLE ROGER DRAKE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

We had prepared the Letter which accompanys this and were on the point of dispatch^{g}. the Boscawen to you the 16th. Instant when We received by the Watson Sloop your agreable Letters of the 11th. August. 12th. 16th. and 27th. September acquainting Us of the great change that has been effected in the Province of Bengal, We congratulate your Honour &c^{a}. on that fortunate Event by which the Company as well as many private persons and in them the Nation will receive such great advantages.

In regard to the Demorage to be paid the Owners of the Fort William for her detention at the Negrais We can only say that we allowed Three Hundred Pagodas ℔ month for the George which lay'd there as a Guard ship a considerable time, and leave it to your Honour &c^{a}. to settle with the Owners as you shall think reasonable.

We had laden twenty chests of Treasure on the Boscawen for your Use, but as you advise Us that you have already, more than sufficient and desire that no further supplys may be sent, We have again landed that Treasure and shall wait your Further Advises before We make you any remittances.

The Salt petre you intended Us by the Marlbro. and Restitution would have been very acceptable for want of it We are obliged to leave 80 Tons of Iron Kintlage on board the Norfolk and Princes Augusta now under dispatch for Europe.

The Bills you send Us drawn by the Gentlemen of Chandernagore on the Superior Council of Pondicherry shall be presented and the amount when paid carried to the credit of your Presidency.

We cannot account for the deficiency of copper by the Protector it was weigh'd off here as usuall.

Your Accountant must be mistaken in the Report made to you in regard to the Invoice prices of the Copper and Madeira Wine, The advance upon the Copper is but a few fanams for Boat and Cooly hire in landing and reshipping and other incedent charges, on the Madeira Wine there is an advance indeed of near four Pagodas ℔ Pipe but that addition arises from the Leakage which upon the whole consignment; your and ours together, amounted to above fifteen Pipes for so many were taken to fill up the rest. In regard to your Resolution on this occasion to credit account Current London for the whole of Last years Consignments to you and Debt us for what We have detained of them We have only to remark that it will occasion an adjustment at home as We have already credited that account for all those consignments and we could not with any propriety do otherwise at that time when the Company were divested of their possession, in Bengal and it was doubtfull what might be the Event of the Efforts that were made from hence to regain them, they have to our infinite satisfaction been crowned with success beyond our hopes, but why that should occasion such an Entry as you propose we cannot see.

The Iron Work for Gun Carriages has all been employed here, and not to enlarge on this subject the foregoing paragraph will we think be sufficient reason for our so doing.

This province is so much impourish'd by Wars that few are capable of Purchasing Jewells to any considerable amount however We shall publish the Notice you desire in regard to the Gold Joys We can find no other use for them than as Gold for Coinage and if they cannot be disposed of to better advantage they will be acceptable for that purpose.

In our accompaying Letter of the 16th. We have acquainted your Honour &c^{a}. what Tonnage We judge We may provide for and in what manner to which We have nothing to add.

Your Packet for the Court of Directors shall be forwarded by the first conveyance.

We have the pleasure to learn that the Warwick is arrived in Bengal River the Consignments by that ship to this presidency will be very acceptable and We therefore hope your Honour &c^{a}. will forward them as soon possible.

The Companys Dutys have been paid here on the Chest of Coral W. B. *No. 1 mentioned in your Letter of the 16th. Ultimo.

As the Syrian Sloop is bound to the Negrais We shall take that opportunity to send a supply of cash and therefore We shall not Trouble your Honour &c^{a}. to send any by the Boscawen as We requested in your Letter of the 16th. Instant that ship may however call there in her return for Timber and plank.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 20TH. OCTOBER 1757.

No. 81.

To Captain Benjamin Braund
of the Ship Boscawen.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal and on your Arrival there deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 20th. October 1757.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 82.

To the Honourable Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Bombay.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

By our Letter of the 15th. Ultimo We advised your Honour &ca. of the arrival of the Boscawen, Norfolk, Tavistock and Princess Augusta intended for China but as it was too late for them to proceed thither this season, and none of the Coast and Bay ships being arrived We have resolved to part Load the Norfolk and Princess Augusta with Bales and send them to the West Coast to fill up with Pepper from whence they are to be dispatched to England, The Boscawen We have sent to Bengal to pass the N.E. Monsoon and we purpose to dispatch her to Canton in 1758, The Tavistock having received considerable Damage and being judged on a Survey unfit to proceed to Europe We have protested against the Owners and Commander leaving him at his discretion to go to what port he thinks proper to repair the defects, he has acquainted Us of his Intentions to proceed to Bombay and has requested of us to Leave on board some Lead and Red Wood untill his return promising that the Company shall not be liable to any demorage or other charges on that account. We mention this that in case any accident should prevent his return your Honour &ca. may demand of him those articles (an Account of which is enclosed).

If the Tavistock should be sufficiently repaired to be again received into the service We entered upon her being tender'd to Us here in proper Season to send her to China according to her Original Consignment if She should be tendered to your Honour &ca. and you should be able to put on board her a proper Cargo for the Canton market. We submit to your Honour &ca. whether it would not be for the Companys Interest to do so, and in that case you will be pleased to consign the same to us and draw upon Us for the amount or if you should not have Occasion for the money Debt Us in Account and send the Ship to us to take in her Treasure and Supra Cargos.

Herewith We forward two Packets one received from England the other from Bengal.,

We are advised from Bengal of a Revolution in the Government as Extraordinary as fortunate by which great advantages have accrued to the Company the particulars will We imagine be communicated to you by the Select Committee.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servant
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 20TH. OCTOBER 1757.

No. 83.

TO DUVAL DE LEYRIT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR, AND
THE GENTLEMEN OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL
AT PONDICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

The President and Council at Calcutta having advanced to Messrs. Renault and the late Council of Chandernagore Thirty five thousand Arcot Rupees they have given Bills of Exchange on you Gentlemen for that sum the first whereof We now enclose for Acceptance and shall endorse the seconds to the Gentlemen of the Council at Fort St. David to whom you will be pleased to forward the firsts and pay the amount when they become due.

We have the honour to be
GENTLEMEN
Your Most Obedient humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 22D. OCTOBER 1757.

No. 84.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your Letter of the 11th. Instant, and have paid your Bill for Pagodas 1500 in favour of Mr. Call, if you should find opportunity you may draw on Us at any time for the sums you may want as the Risque of the Enemy will be saved and cannot always command proper Conveyances we are now at a Loss for one to send you the Medicines and stores you Indented for but you may depend on being supplied as soon as We have it in our power.

We enclose you two second Bills of Exchange on the Council at Pondicherry amounting together to A.Rs. 35,000. The First We have sent to Pondicherry for acceptance and desired the Gentlemen there to forward them to you and pay you the amount when due.

We approve the Journal Entrys of Profit and Loss you sent Us, and you may Write off the Leakage of arrack but you must direct your Store keeper to be carefull that the casks are frequently examined.

In our Letter of the 8 December 1756 We acquainted you that We did not think We could take upon ourselves to allow Mr. Wynch the Deputy Governours appointments, but as Colonel Clive contrary to our Expectation still continues at Bengal they may be paid to Mr. Wynch with all arrears.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 24TH. OCTOBER 1757.

No. 85.

TO RANDOLPH MARRIOT ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT MARLBOROUGH.

GENTLEMEN

We take the opportunity of the Watson Sloop to acquaint you that We shall send two Ships, the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up with pepper on the West Coast they are now taking in such part of their Cargos as We intend for them here and We hope will sail by the 10th. of next month We shall leave room for about One hundred and Eighty Tons of Pepper in each Ship, so that if you should not have been disappointed in the expected quantity of surplus you will in January have remaining (after these two ships are fill'd up) near two hundred and fifty Tons above your annual ships Loading, We would have you reserve all such remains as it is not improbable but that a ship may be sent from Bengal to take it in. We shall order the aforementioned two ships to touch at your Northern Residencys to take in their pepper if it should not have been before transported to Marlbro̅, therefore on the receit of this you will immediately dispatch the necessary Orders to them.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. OCTOBER 1757

No. 86.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r^.
and the Rest of the Gentlemen of Council at
Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President and Council I herewith send you an Invoice and Bill of Lading of Stores consign'd to you by the Country Boat Ramaswamy. in the same Board are also some Stores for Deve Cotah the Invoice and Bills of Loading for which are also enclosed and are to be forwarded.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble Serv^t^.

Fort S^t^. George
the 31^st^. October 1757.

Jos^s^. Dupre
Secretary.

No. 87.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r^.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of
Council at Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President and Council I enclose you the Invoice and Bills of Lading of four Chests and five hogsheads of medicines now sent you on the Country Boat Tooptary.

I am
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Humble. Servant

Fort S^t^. George
the 31^st^. October 1757.

Jos^s^. Dupre
Secretary.

No. 88.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r^.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 17^th^. 21^st^. and 25^th^. October and have paid the several Bills you therein advised to have drawn on Us.

As M^r^. Newton is prohibited by his Parole from acting you have done very right in Committing his Employs to the charge of others who may continue to execute them until M^r^. Newton be exchang'd.

As M^r^. Norris is advised to try a change of Air for the recovery of his Health he has our permission to repair hither for that purpose.

We sent you sundry Stores and Medicines by two Country Boats the 31^st^. Ultimo and the Invoice and Bills of Loading were then forwarded to you by our Secretary.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t^. George
the 4^th^. November 1757.

N°. 89.

To Randolph Marriott Esq^R^.
Deputy Governour &c^A^. Council
at Fort Marlbro.

Gentlemen

We wrote you a short Letter the 26^th^. of last Month by the Watson Sloop to apprize you of our Intentions to send the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up on the West Coast, We accordingly now dispatch them to you with orders to touch first at Moco Moco to land there such part of the Consignments to you as may be wanted at that Settlement and to take in what pepper may be there ready and then proceed to Fort Marlbro where you are to compleat their Charter party Tonnage with the usual addition for Wastage and no more their Account of Tonnage is as follows Viz^t^.

We have laden on the Norfolk Three hundred and fifteen Tons Nine hundred, Three quarters, and fourteen pounds including Kintlage, Privilege &c^a^.	315	9	3	14
Remains to be laden by you One hundred and Eighty three Tons, Ten hundred, and fourteen Pounds	183	10	—	14
Charterparty Tonnage ..	499	—	—	—

We have laden on board the Princess Augusta Three hundred and fifteen Tons sixteen hundred and two quarters including Kintlage, Privilege &c^a^.	315	16	2	—
Remains to be laden by you one Hundred and Eighty three Tons, three hundred and two quarters	183	3	2	—
Charterparty Tonnage ..	499	—	—	—

We hope you will have Pepper enough ready to dispatch both those and your annual ship ebfore they enter on Demorage but should it happen otherwise you are to Dispatch those first which enter first on Demorage, the Norfolk and Princess Augusta arrived here the 6^th^. of Septem^r^. and their Demorage will of-course commence the 6^th^. of January.

We enclose for your Information a Copy of our Dispatch to the Commanders of those ships by which you will observe that we have deviated from the usual course of subjecting them to your Orders for their further proceedings our reasons for which are in favour of the consigners of Diamonds as the Insurances made in England generally run on ship dispatch'd from this Coast for England it is therefore necessary that the Commanders should be under peremptory Orders to proceed to England you will therefore act in conformity.

We refer you to the accompanying Invoice for the particulars of our Consignments to you by these ships the scarcity of salt has prevented our sending you any.

The Norfolk cargo seven coffrees slaves which are all we can supply you with and you are to pay the Commander for victualling them at the usual rate.

As we send you a considerable quantity of Rice. we have not put any on board either Ship for S^t^. Helena. you are therefore to send on each the one ℔ Cent for the service of that Island in arrack and Rice in the usual proportions.

You will observe by the Norfolk's Invoice a parcell containing a three corge of stockings consign'd to you they are intended for S^{t}. Helena and are accordingly to be included in your Invoice and forwarded thither.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
19TH. NOVEMBER 1757.

List of Papers in the Packet to Fort Marlborough ℔ Norfolk.

N^{o}. 1 General Letter dated 19 November 1757.
2 Dupli: General Letter 25 September 1757.
3 Dupli: D^{o}. 30 D^{o}. D^{o}.
4 Dupli: D^{o}. 26 October D^{o}.
5 Copy of the List of the Packet by the Marlbro Sloop.
6 Invoice of the Norfolk to Fort Marlbro.
7 Bills of Loading of the Norfolk.
8 Duplicate of the Princess Augusta's Invoice.
9 Second Bills of Loading ℔ Princess Augusta.
10 Copy of Captain Bonhams sailing orders.
11 { Muster Roll of the Norfolk's crew.
{ Return of the Norfolk's ammunition and Warlike stores.

The two last papers are to be forwarded to England in the Norfolks Packet.

JOS^{s}. DU PRE:
Secretary.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
19TH. NOVEMBER 1757.

List of Papers in the Packet to FORT MARLBRO ℔ PRINCESS AUGUSTA.

N^{o}. 1 General Letter dated 19th. November 1757.
2 Invoice of the Princess Augusta.
3 Bills of Loading of the Princess Augusta.
4 Duplicate of the Norfolks Invoice.
5 Second Bills of Loading of the Norfolk.
6 Copy of Captain Baddisons sailing Orders.
7 {Muster Roll of the Princess Augusta's crew.
{Return of the Princess Augusta Ammunition and Warlike Stores.

The Two last Papers to be forwared to England in the Princess Augusta's Packet.

JOS^{s}. DU PRE:
Secry.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
19TH. NOVEMBER 1757.

No. 90.

To the Resident at Moco Moco.

Sir

By the Norfolk and Princess Augusta We have consign'd a considerable quantity of Rice, Fifty Bales of Long Cloth Ordinary and some Military Stores to the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro but have Ordered those Ships to call first at Moco Moco to deliver you such part of those consignments as the Settlement may be in immediate want of and to take in what Pepper you may have ready and then proceed to Fort Marlbro, the Commanders have our orders accordingly and if you should have occasion to land anything from those ships or put on board any Pepper you will be as expeditious as possible that no time may be uncessarily [*sic*] lost.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier

Fort St. George
the 19th. November 1757.

No. 91.

To Randolph Marriott Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
at Fort Marlbro.

Gentlemen

We wrote you a short Letter by the Sloop Watson the 26th. Ultimo to acquaint you of our Intentions to send the Norfolk and Princess Augusta to fill up on the West Coast they are almost ready to sail and We hope will be with you before this which We dispatch to you by the Cuddalore Sloop, you will see by a Copy of the Commander's Sailing Orders what are our Intentions you will therefore give him all proper advice for his further proceedings and communicate to us such as may occur as well relating to the dispatch of the above mentioned two ships which are to fill up with you as whatever else may be immediately necessary but We would not have the sloop detained.

The Cuddalore Sloop carrys you some Lascars for the service of your Coast and as they are victualed by the Commander you will pay him for the same at the usual rate and on account of money advanced them here is enclosed.

We are
Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friend and Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 19th. November 1757.

No. 92.

To Alexander Wynch Esq^r^.
and the Rest of the Gentlemen of
Council at Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 1^st^. Instant with your Account of Quick Stock.

Our directions in our Letter of the 24^th^. Ultimo to pay to M^r^. Wynch the Deputy Governours appointments with all arrears are a sufficient authority for your so doing.

We now dispatch the Cuddalore Sloop to you with Fifty thousand Rupees, Thirty thousand Pagodas, Two hundred stand of arms and other articles expressed in the Invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed. You will be as expeditious as possible in Landing these consignments the Commander having our orders to proceed without Loss of time on further service.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier

Fort S^t^. George
the 19^th^. November 1757.

No. 93.

To Captain George Baker
of the Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort S^t^. David where having duely delivered the Treasure &c^a^. consignd to the Council there you are without loss of time to set sail and Winds and Weather permitting proceed to Acheen where you are to gather all the Intellig^ce^. you can in regard to shipping in General and if you should meet with any of the expected ships from Europe you will acquaint the Commanders that we would have them proceed hither directly as the earlier they arrive on the Coast the safer We think it will be, you are then to make the best of your way to Fort Marlbró on the West Coast of Sumatra touching first, if the Wind and Weather permit, at some or one of the Northern Residencys of that Coast for Intellegence. Herewith you will receive a Letter for the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro directing them to give you all proper advices and you are then to proceed as hereinafter directed but notwithstanding any thing hereinbefore in case you should find it difficult on account of the Wind and Weather to fetch Acheen or that it should much retard your Passage, you will in that case make the best of your way to Fort Marlbro calling at some or one of the Northern Residencys as above directed. When the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro shall have signifyed to you that you may depart you are then to proceed round through the Streights of Sunda (touching at Batavia) into the

Streights of Malacca and from thence back to this Port calling at Malacca and Acheen for Intelligence and this We hope and expect you may perform so as to be here again in all the month of February. Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 19th. November 1757.

GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 94.

TO THE HONOURABLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS

We have received your favour of the 28 September acknowledging the receit of ours of the 7th. July since which We have address'd you under date the 26 August 15 September 1st. and 20th. October the last We advised you of the Disposition We had made of the four ships intended for China the Norfolk and Princess Augusta were accordingly part Loaded with Bales and Dispatch'd to the West Coast the 19th. Instant to be filled up and sent home and the next day the Prince Henry Packet sail'd for England.

We are
HONOURABLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 30TH. NOVEMBER 1757.

No. 95.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQR.
AND THE REST OF THE GENTLEMEN OF
COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Governour and Council at Negapatam having desired that We would put them in possession of Mr. Keirnander's New House and Ground at Cuddalore in leiu of their Factory House at Tegenapatam which was last year pull'd down, you will cause a plan and Estimate of the said House and Ground in Cuddalore to be drawn and transmitt the same to us, and you will likewise at the same time enquire of Mr. Keirnander, and acquaint us whether he is willing to sell his said House and Ground and for what consideration.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 12TH. DECEMBER 1757.

No. 96.

To Alexander Wynch Esqr.
and the rest of the Gentlemen of Council
at Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 1st. 7th. & 9th. Instant.

If the Gentlemen at Pondichery have not yet remitted you the amount of the Bills of Exchange drawn on them from Bengal it will be proper that you acquaint them. We have sent you the Second Bills and wrote you that we had addressed them the 22d. October enclosing the firsts for acceptance and desiring them to pay the amount to you.

The Indent accompanying your Letter of the 7th. Instant shall be complied with by the first opportunity.

Your Draft in favour of Mr. Orme has been paid.

We have permitted Mr. James Bourchier Chief of Deve Cotah to return to the Presidency and have appointed Mr. Robert Sloper to succeed him. We would therefore have him repair thither as soon as he conveniently can and we now write to Mr. Bourchier to deliver over to him on his arrival the charge of that Settlement.

Mr. Slopers removal making a Vacancy in your Council We have appointd. Mr. George Dawsone to succeed him at the Board, the Employs We leave to you to settle as you all think best for the service.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
22d. December 1757.

No. 97.

To Mr. James Bourchier
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The President having represented to Us that you have for some time past been in a declining state of Health and are on that account desirous of returning to the Presidency We have appointed Mr. Robert Sloper to succeed you; on his arrival you will therefore deliver over to him the charge of the Settlement with all the Wares and Stores, having first taken an exact Account Remains which is to be interchangeabl signed by both of you, and then you have our permission to return hither.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
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Fort St. George
22d. December 1757

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